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HIGH TIDE TABLES

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	Breakwater Harbor AM	Breakwater Harbor PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGE-PORT AM	BRIDGE-PORT PM	NEW-PORT AM	NEW-PORT PM	DATE
THUR.	11:00	11:05	11:45	–	11:50	11:55	–	12:35	2:10	2:25	2:00	2:25	10:55	11:10	8/14
FRI.	11:40	11:40	12:05	12:30	–	12:30	12:50	1:20	2:35	2:50	2:40	3:05	11:35	11:50	8/15
SAT.	–	12:20	12:40	1:10	12:35	1:10	1:35	2:05	3:10	3:30	3:20	3:45	–	12:25	8/16
SUN.	12:25	1:05	1:20	1:55	1:10	1:45	2:20	2:55	3:50	4:10	4:05	4:30	12:40	1:10	8/17
MON.	1:05	1:50	2:10	2:45	1:45	2:25	3:10	3:45	4:35	4:55	4:55	5:20	1:25	2:00	8/18
TUE.	1:55	2:40	3:05	3:40	2:35	3:15	4:10	4:40	5:25	5:45	5:45	6:10	2:25	2:55	8/19
WED.	2:55	3:40	4:05	4:40	3:30	4:10	5:05	5:30	6:25	6:45	6:45	7:05	3:20	3:55	8/20
THUR.	4:00	4:40	5:05	5:35	4:45	5:15	6:05	6:20	7:25	7:40	7:40	8:05	4:20	4:45	8/21

HOW TO USE TIDE TABLES:

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet.....—0 50" is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." —0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6 ½ hours to this figure.

On SANDY HOOK

STATEN ISLAND	+ 0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	—0 01
Red Bank, Navesink R.I.	+ 0 48
Long Branch	—0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	—0 18
Shark River Basin	+ 0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	—0 12
Seaside Park	—0 33
Mantoloking Bridge	+ 5 34
TOMS RIVER	+ 4 37
Waretown	+ 2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	—0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+ 2 33
Beach Haven	+ 1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	—0 01
Seven Islands	+ 0 12
Graveling Point	+ 1 05
Mullica River	+ 1 55
Grassy Bay	+ 1 08
ABSECON INLET	+ 0 14
Atlantic City Pier	—0 26
Gt. Egg Harbor Inlet	+ 0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+ 0 46
CORSON INLET	+ 0 09
TOWNESEND INLET	+ 0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+ 0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+ 0 45
Cape May Harbor	—0 02
Rehoboth Beach	—0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+ 0 14
SHINNECOCK INLET	—0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+ 1 25
East Quogue	+ 2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+ 1 18
Indian Reservation	+ 3 05
MORICHES INLET	—0 56
Smith's Point	+ 3 28
Harts Cove	+ 1 30
Potunck Point	+ 3 35
Mastic Beach	+ 3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	—0 38
Democrat Point	—0 38
Coast Guard Station	—0 19
Fire Island Light	+ 0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+ 3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+ 3 20
Bay Shore	+ 2 23
Babylon	+ 2 12
Amityville	+ 2 21
JONES INLET	—0 19
Zachs Bay	+ 1 25
Seaford Harbor	+ 2 05
Freeport Creek	+ 0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	—0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+ 0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	—0 00
Beach Ch. Bridge	+ 0 38
JFK Airport	+ 0 26

On BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+ 0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+ 0 08
Bayville Bridge	+ 0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+ 0 03
Northport Bay	+ 0 03
Norwalk Islands	+ 0 10
Smithtown Bay	—0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+ 0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+ 0 03
New Haven Harbor	+ 0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	—0 08
Herod Point	—0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+ 0 19
Horton Point	—0 20
Truman Beach	—0 42
Falkner Island	—0 13
Sachem Head	—0 19
Branford Harbor	—0 07
New Haven Harbor	—0 08
Milford Harbor	—0 07
Stratford	+ 0 27
Shelton	+ 1 36
Black Rock Harbor	—0 03
Saugatuck River	—0 01
South Norwalk	+ 0 10
Greens Ledge	—0 01
Stamford	+ 0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+ 0 06
Greenwich	+ 0 02

On NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+ 0 27
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+ 0 12
Greenport	+ 1 04
Southold	+ 1 43
New Suffolk	+ 2 26
South Jamesport	+ 2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+ 2 33
Noyack Bay	+ 2 05
Sag Harbor	+ 0 59
Gardiners Bay	+ 0 21
Promised Land	—0 14
Montauk Inlet	—0 25
Montauk Point	—1 13
Niantic	+ 1 20
Stonington	—0 33
Noank, Mystic River	—0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove	—0 01
Norwich	+ 0 09
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook jetty	+ 1 10
Lyme	+ 1 24
Essex	+ 1 38
East Haddam	+ 2 41
Higganum Creek	+ 2 54

On WILLETS PT.

Little Neck Bay	—0 10
Execution Light	—0 06
Manhasset Bay	—0 01
Hempstead Harbor	—0 11
City Island	—0 03
Rye Beach	—0 28
Port Chester	—0 09
Mamaroneck	—0 08
New Rochelle	—0 24
Davids Island	—0 02

On B'WATER HB.

CAPE MAY POINT	—0 10
Miami Beach	+ 1 17
East Point	+ 0 53
Egg Island Point	+ 0 33
Cape Henlopen	—0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+ 0 09
Mispillion River Ent.	+ 0 33
St. Jones River Ent.	+ 0 57

On NEW YORK

Jersey City	+ 0 07
Geo. Washington Br.	+ 0 46
Spuyten Duyvil	+ 0 58
Ossining	+ 1 53
Peekskill	+ 2 24
West Point	+ 3 16
Newburg	+ 3 42

On NEWPORT

Sakonnet	—0 10
Tiverton	+ 0 21
Beavertail Point	—0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Pt.	+ 0 10
Bristol	+ 0 10
Warren	+ 0 21
Nayatt Point	+ 0 12
Pawtucket	+ 0 21
East Greenwich	+ 0 16
Wickford	+ 0 12
Narragansett Pier	—0 08
Point Judith Harbor	—0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+ 0 05
Old Harbor	—0 14
Watch Hill Point	+ 0 44

SUNRISE/SUNSET

8/15	6:08	8:02
8/16	6:08	8:00
8/17	6:09	7:59
8/18	6:10	7:57
8/19	6:11	7:55
8/20	6:12	7:53
8/21	6:12	7:51

PHASES OF THE MOON

NEW	1st Qtr.	FULL	2nd Qtr.
8/10	8/18	8/26	8/3

The schedule of solunar periods for the following week as printed below has been taken from the original Knight Solunar Tables. Plan your day so that you will be fishing good areas during these times when the fish should be most active. The tables are not a guarantee you will catch fish, however.

The major periods begin at the time shown and last for an hour-and-a-half or two hours thereafter, and are in the bold type face. The minor periods are shorter in duration and lighter type.

	AM Minor	AM Major	PM Minor	PM Major
Thurs.	8:05	**2:15**	8:25	**2:35**
Fri.	8:50	**3:00**	9:10	**3:20**
Sat.	9:35	**3:45**	9:55	**4:05**
Sun.	10:20	**4:30**	10:40	**4:55**
Mon.	11:10	**5:20**	11:30	**5:40**
Tues.	11:55	**6:00**	—	**6:25**
Wed.	12:10	**6:45**	12:40	**7:10**
Thurs.	12:55	**7:35**	1:25	**8:00**

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As summer begins to wane, the surf crowd anxiously await September's first cool winds which signal the start of renewed activity along our beaches.

COMING NEXT WEEK: **STATEN IS. BLUES**

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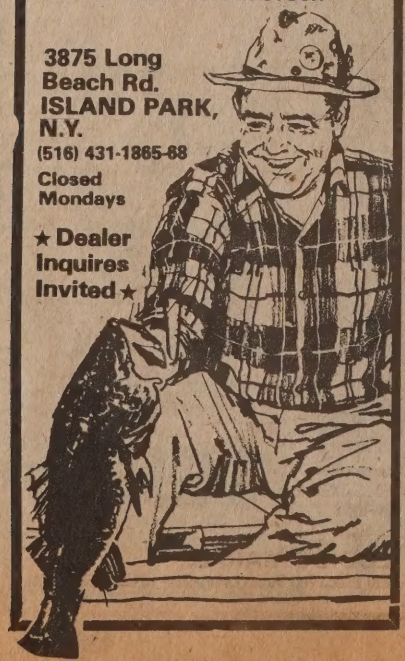

The Fighting Chair

with William A. Muller

SURF FISHERMEN— WE NEED YOUR INPUT!

You are already aware that this past winter the Long Island State Parks and Recreation Commission organized a Surf Fisherman's Advisory Group to counsel, discuss, advise, and help the L.I.S.P.R.C. develop matters that were of mutual interest and concern. To refresh your memories, the following individuals comprise the group.

JOHN FRITZ—Farragut Striper Club and the New York Sportfishing Council
MIKE PARKER—L.I.B.B.A.
GEORGE HULSE—U.M.S.
DON PALMER—At Large
BILL MULLER—Long Island Fisherman and the High Hill Striper Club

The system of night fishing permits and barricade identification has helped enormously to reduce abuses at night in the parks and to establish that legitimate surf fishermen are not and have not been responsible for these incidents and abuses. However, it was only a matter of time before those who sought access to the parks at night for non-legitimate reasons figured out a way around the system. So the beer drinking, the vandalism, the harassment of fishermen and park officers, the drag racing, and dune riding have again been on the increase. Mr. Sheridan reports that there have been more citations and tickets this year than ever before in response to efforts to get around the system and that means a commitment from Mr. Sheridan and the police to keep things "clean." Perhaps the system now in use makes it easier to identify and remove troublemakers. If that be so, then we're happy that a little inconvenience to fishermen has made a contribution of such magnitude.

It isn't necessary to state the obvious. Both surf fishermen and the L.I.S.P.R.C. are concerned about this turn of events. It would appear that every year that goes by finds society less respectful of itself and more lawless. Thankfully, Mr. Sheridan, Mr. Ott, and the entire L.I.S.P.R.C. are determined that the intruders will not disturb the legitimate rights of permit holders to enjoy fishing in safety and peace. We applaud that attitude!

The question is, how do we deal with this new wrinkle? Potential troublemakers and other non-legitimate nighttime users of the parks now secure permits and then use them to gain entry and, of course, they have no intention of fishing. It's just a dodge to get around the rules.

Too bad this situation can't be handled the simple way. However, it seems impossible in this day and age to appeal to anyone's sense of reason. After all, the dunes are a great playground, the parking lots are tremendous sites for beer parties, it's lots of fun to destroy urinals and graffiti the rest room buildings, and the access roads in the parks make great drag strips! No, common sense and logic will not do here. So, in order to protect our access to the beaches and at the same time remove this new enforcement wrinkle, the Long Island State Parks and Recreation Commission has asked surf fishermen for help. We need your ideas on how to change the current system.

Clearly, the job of managing the parks and enforcement in the parks is the job of the L.I.S.P.R.C. However, it was the general consensus of the group that met on the evening of July 17, 1980, that all of you could help greatly. Mr. Sheridan, General Manager, made the request and all the members of the Advisory Group agreed we would make it the single item of discussion at our next meeting, which is scheduled in September.

This won't be an easy problem to solve, but we must try. Any changes that are agreed upon would not go into effect until next year. If you have any thoughts, please forward them to one of the people listed earlier in the editorial. Needless to say, I'd be pleased to accept your ideas at The Fisherman.

This is yet another example of the changing scene. At one time surf

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Pass It On...

NATIONAL FISHING WEEK, SET FOR MAY 11-17, 1981

The American Fishing Tackle Manufacturers Association (AFTMA) has set May 11-17 as the dates for National Fishing Week 1981.

The popular theme of "Take A Kid Fishing" was well accepted in 1980 and will be repeated in 1981.

National Fishing Week saw thousands of youngster introduced to recreational fishing by clubs, camp owners, school teachers, manufacturers, retailers and manufacturers' representatives.

Some of the innovative events that took place during National Fishing Week included: a full week of fishing clinics and contests on a mile of shore line in Yuma City, Arizona; a special outing which stressed "fishing basics" for kids from an orphanage in Flat River, Missouri; a Striped Bass Derby for under-privileged children in San Francisco and a rock fishing trip for youngsters in Pacifica, California.

Other activities under the spotlight included: a Young People's Fishing Rodeo held in Eufala, Alabama for the Sheriff's Boys Ranch; a manufacturer-sponsored lure drop into Lake Michigan, with 25 lures tagged for prizes; a Fisherman's Spring Rally on the Connecticut River, geared specifically to children, and the theme ..."Take a Kid Fishing."

Numerous other fishing clinics, outings, contests and special "youth fishing days" were organized in all parts of the country by concerned adults and youth leaders.

"From the feedback we have received on National Fishing Week 1980, it was a tremendous success in the field. As we move into year three, the bandwagon effect can only cause future National Fishing Week celebrations to garner more enthusiasm for our sport and provide opportunities for children to enjoy the rewards of sport fishing," says Paul A. Mulready, AFTMA president.

The announcement of National Fishing Week 1981 at this early date makes it possible for everyone to get involved and plan now for next year's events.

FRIENDS OF LONG ISLAND

The Monthly recycle drive of the Friends of Long Island will be held Saturday, August 16, from 10AM to 4PM at the Pathmark parking field on Merrick Road in Seaford. Look for the Ecology flag. Materials collected are: newspapers and magazines (tied or untied), aluminum and car batteries.

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NATIONAL SCENE
with Al Ristori

FISHING LICENSE SALES INCREASE

The national slump in fishing license sales which has been going on since fiscal year 1976, finally came to a halt in fiscal year 1979 (July 1, 1978 to June 30, 1979). According to figures recently released by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, fishing license sales increased by 1.8 million (6.9%) over the previous fiscal year. No one is quite sure why the steadily rising trend in fishing license sales over the years was interrupted in the mid-Seventies, but it may well have had something to do with reports of contaminants in both the water and important species sought by anglers—as well as higher license fees. Dick Stroud, executive vice president of the Sport Fishing Institute, believes the slump in sales was no more than a temporary phenomena or a statistical artifact.

Total paid fishing license holders in fiscal year 1979 totaled 27,947,397. A paid fishing license holder is one individual, regardless of the number of licenses he or she may purchase. Of course, relatively few saltwater fishermen are covered in this data, as I believe California and Texas are the only states at this time which require a license for almost all saltwater fishing. The total resident fishing licenses, tags, permits and stamps issued came to 30,276,205, while the same figure for non-residents was 5,121,407—for a grand total of 35,397,612. The total funds provided to the states by fishermen came to $173,853,821.

New York had 839,391 license holders who paid $5,332,787. New Jersey had 181,346 paying $1,614,654. Connecticut totaled 192,234 contributing $740,106. Rhode Island has the third lowest number of freshwater anglers in the country (ahead of only Delaware with 13,992 and Hawaii with 7,987). However, 29,565 anglers did pay $91,698 for licenses.

Though the Empire State has a lot of freshwater anglers, it stands nowhere near the top in that category. The most populous state, California, has 2,403,877 license holders—but this includes saltwater fishermen. Texas is number two at 1,681,368. That figure also includes saltwater anglers, who are required to buy a very low-priced combination of fresh and salt water license. Minnesota and Wisconsin are almost deadlocked among strictly freshwater states at figures of 1,497,484 and 1,495,885 respectively. Michigan is fifth overall with 1,290,053, and Pennsylvania rounds out the million angler states with 1,008,744. New York is also topped by the States of Washington and Ohio, and barely edges out Missouri and Florida. The figures for New Jersey and Connecticut are fairly low, falling behind states with much smaller populations such as Nebraska, West Virginia and New Mexico.

When it comes to revenues, California really stands alone. Their $20,300,328 compares to $9,598,709 in Wisconsin, $8,810,155 in Michigan, and $8,720,291 in Minnesota. Despite having the second greatest number of anglers, Texas is well back in revenues at $6,866,583. Yet, Texas has been one of the most innovative of the states in their fisheries programs. Introductions of new species, such as striped bass, have been made in many waters across the state, and several saltwater species have been transplanted into power plant lakes with remarkable success.

The state with the greatest attraction for non-residents is Wisconsin with 409,932, followed by lightly-populated Montana with 326,619. Michigan, with it's salmon and steelhead attractions is third with 323,924. Then comes Minnesota with 279,606; Tennessee with 227,144; Oregon with 217,630; Missouri, 208,942; Florida, 190,458; Utah, 177,765; Wyoming, 172,487; Arkansas, 170,133; Idaho, 166,298; Arizona, 158,217; Colorado, 156,750 and Washington, 156,605. On the other hand, New York draws only 69,739; Connecticut 3,334; New Jersey 6,982 and Rhode Island, just 1,813. Even Delaware with 2,635 draws more than Rhode Island, but the one state with a lower non-resident license total isn't even close to the rest. Hawaii sells just 110! In this aspect of license sales area states fare very poorly, with Connecticut fourth from the bottom and New Jersey sixth from the basement. Considering the size of the state and its many freshwater attractions, New York's sales to non-residents are also extremely low. This probably reflects the State's lack of interest in promoting its fishing, the result of which is lower revenues to the Department of Environmental Conservation and poorer business for those taxpayers dependent on the tourist trade.

Americans Cancelled Cuban Tournaments

During the past couple of years, it's become common for American sport fishermen to fish in Cuban waters. Indeed, several tournaments were held and many more were planned. The Cuban Government was even going to allow Cuban-Americans to fish this year's tournaments, a precedent-setting action. However, the actions of the Cuban Government in regard to assistance for grounded boats in Mariel Harbor created uneasiness among the sponsors of the Hemingway and Spring Invitational Tournaments and both were cancelled. The "International Gamefisherman" newsletter quoted George Hommell, a tournament organizer, as saying that the Cubans had demanded $10,000 in cash from Ray Jensen's party boat "Caloosa" before pulling it off the rocks. An incident involving the roughing up of refugees was also cited as a reason for cancellation. The popular Hemingway Tournament had been expected to draw eighty boats and four hundred anglers.

Australians Halt Longlining on Great Barrier Reef

The Great Barrier Reef of Australia has the greatest black marlin fishing in the world. Marlin of over a thousand pounds are so common that many are released, and there is more tagging of large marlin in this area than anywhere else in the world. Until this year, the Japanese had also taken advantage of that fact and did considerable longlining in the area. As a matter of fact, a number of big marlin tagged by sportsmen along the Great Barrier Reef have been recaptured by Japanese longliners.

Many Australian sportsmen have been working on their government to stop the foreign longlining within their 200-mile zone, and they've finally succeeded. According to "International Gamefisherman," an extensive area off the Queensland coast will be off limits to longlining as of October 31. Statistics taken from the Japanese vessels indicate that ninety-five percent of the black marlin hooked by longliners come from the area to be closed. The Japanese will be permitted to continue longlining for tuna in areas where the by-catch of marlin is very small.

Pacific Billfish Tagging Report

The Pacific billfish tagging program in the Pacific, sponsored by NMFS Southwest Fisheries Center in La Jolla, California, made good progress in 1979. There was an increase of twenty-one striped marlin tagged, bringing the 1979 total to 563. The southern California area doubled its production of tagged marlin from 23 to 46; while there was a very slight decrease in Baja California, Mexico from 512 to 498. New Zealand registered an increase from seven to eighteen, and Guaymas, Mexico added one. There was a big decrease in black marlin tagging from 250 to 57. However, almost all of these fish are tagged in Australia and that government is now doing its own tagging. Blue marlin tags dropped from twenty-seven to twelve, and Pacific sailfish from 193 to 145.

Nine billfish recoveries were highlighted by three blue marlin, the first tagged blues ever recovered in the Pacific. One was caught in almost the same area off Hawaii as the release, after being at liberty for almost two years. The other two were caught within a month by a

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SHINY SPINNERS

(12-15")

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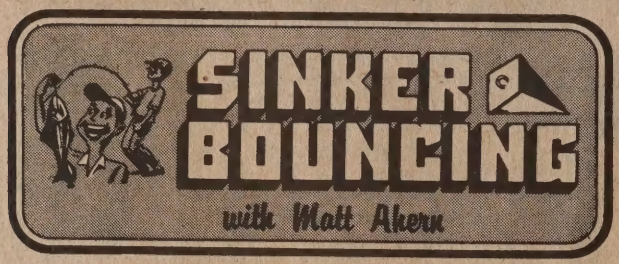
OTHER FRESHWATER LURES SUCH AS SPINNERS AND LIFELIKE PLUGS ARE EFFECTIVE IN SALTWATER WHEN USED ON UMBRELLA'S OR BY THEMSELVES.

BY FRED GUARDINEER



SNAPPER FISHING

Throughout a long and varied fishing career, I have met but one fisherman who insisted he didn't enjoy snapper fishing. Too messy, this fellow said. (And you can bet I'm still wondering about that!) Between you, me, and the proverbial lamppost, however, I think the guy was pulling my leg. But whatever this gentleman's reason for not finding enjoyment in snapper fishing, thousands and thousands of anglers, young and old alike, pay no attention to such spoil-sports. They just go out there and have a ball.

What's the attraction? Why do many fishermen—myself included—anticipate spending many joyful hours luring so-called midgets into our buckets? No fisherman I know goes out of his way to purposely fish for small flounder or fluke. So why our interest in such small fish?

Well, unless you have yet to go snapper fishing, the answer is simple enough. Most of us beat-up old salts began our fishing careers chasing snappers. And for most, I'm sure nostalgia plays a large part; and don't forget, many of us have had a red-hot love affair going with snappers since childhood. They were the one fish which truly caused us to become involved and enamored with the sport. The one fish which proved we could dunk bait, get all the action we desired, and fill our buckets with no strain or pain. Without question, these scrappy young bluefish have introduced more fishermen to our sport than any other—including spring flounder.

Not only are snappers willing to cooperate with fishermen, they are available to everyone desiring to take up a rod and dunk bait. Visit any shore-fishing spot at this time of year and you will find scores of fishermen from eight to eighty busily and happily hooking snapper after snapper. It is a rare day when fishermen fail to catch all the snappers they want. Truthfully, I have never seen one. Even during those occasional summers when their bigger brothers fail to put in their usual super-abundant appearance, there are still more than enough snappers to satisfy everyone. (which should give pause to our fishery scientists.)

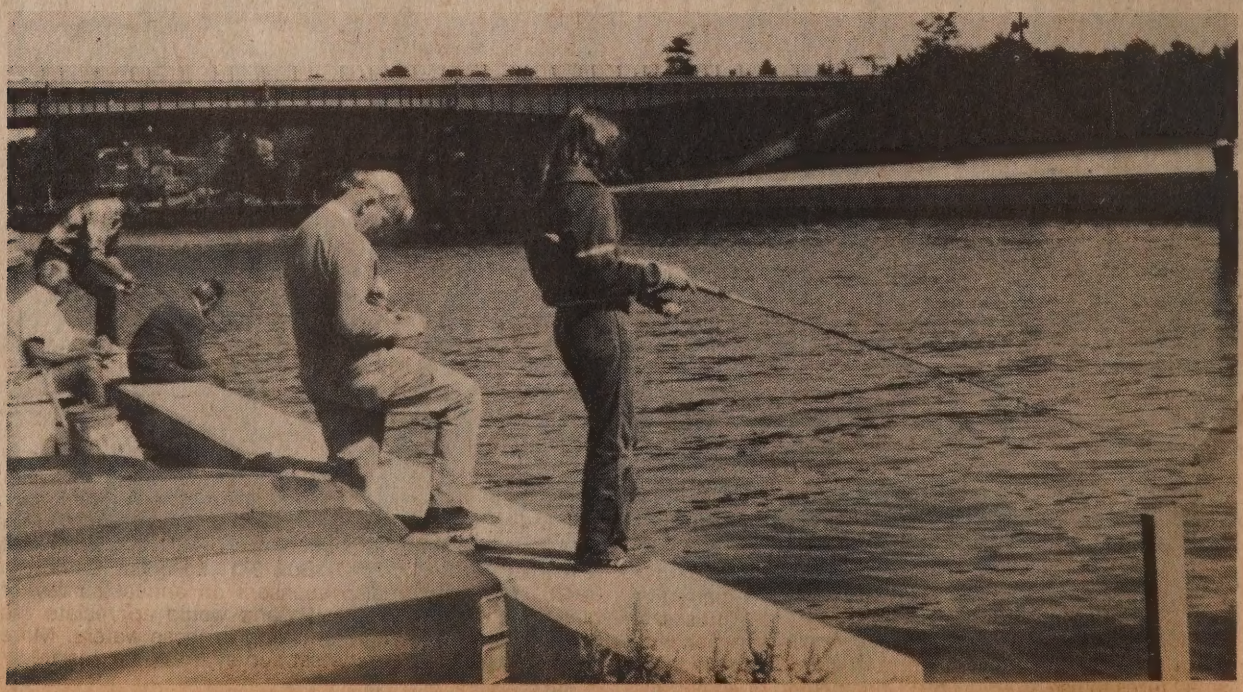
As for the necessary tackle to enjoy the sport to its fullest, this is never a problem. Of course, light spinning tackle and snappers go hand-in-hand—they seem made for each other. But spinning tackle is comparatively new to the fishing scene. There are still many fishermen who get their snapper enjoyment with the popular one-piece whippy bamboo pole—long the badge of the snapper fisherman.

More popular in this class are the two and three piece take-apart bamboo rods. These are more convenient for fishermen who travel by car, for stowage is never a problem. Times have changed, though. No longer will you find the whippy bamboo pole selling for fifteen cents, and the take-apart rods for quarters and half-dollars; but for a couple of bucks any fisherman can equip himself with tackle that will do the job and bestow upon its user all the fun expected. Never will you find fishing tackle which gives so much in return for so little. As for the rest of the necessary equipment—line, hook, and bobber—these, too, cost but pennies.

But just because snapper fishing is so easy, this doesn't mean all that's necessary is to slap the components together without some basic knowledge. Even bait-happy snappers will give the cold shoulder to such an approach.

When rigging bamboo rods and poles, I've found it best to use a length of mono (say eight or ten pound test) no more than two feet longer than the rod. Any length longer than this will put you at a distinct disadvantage when you attempt to swing in a hooked snapper with one continuous lift of the rod. Snappers are just as tricky and sea-wise as their larger brethren and if you allow them the least bit of slack, they'll surely take advantage of it. Which simply means no snapper.

As for the hook, there is but one type to use: the Bridgeport style. It isn't necessary to ask for these by name—no one does. Just request snapper hooks and you'll get the correct ones. Some fishermen substitute with such types as Aberdeen, Carlisle and Chestertown in correct sizes. These may work fine when snappers are small in the beginning of the season, but as the summer advances into early fall, the fish rapidly add inches and put on weight in



Snapper fishing is for everyone!

preparation for the hectic life of the open sea. It is then when you'll find the standard Bridgeport style outfishing those others.

When I first began snapper fishing, I always used a round-type bobber. While I caught my share of snappers, I often felt I was missing more fish than I should. I noticed that some days snappers would toy with the bait, pushing the bobber along the surface and rarely taking it under, which made hooking quite difficult, indeed. The next day, they would pull the bobber under without a bit of hesitation. I didn't know the reason for this, but I did know this change of tactics was not only confusing, but it was costing me fish as I say, for I could never be certain of the exact instant to set the hook.

How long this would have gone on before I got wise, I don't know; but one day an old fisherman stopped by to watch me fish and gave me the solution. He immediately saw the problem, dug into his tackle bag, and showed me one of those long, slender, quill-type bobbers, telling me it was the only kind to use. He placed it on my line, added one or two split shot for balance, and told me to go ahead and watch what happened.

What happened was that those foxy snappers no longer out-foxed me. No longer did they hesitate. One nibble to serve as warning and under the quill bobber would go with a rush. Hooking now became easier and there were few snappers that found my bait appealing which failed to find their way into my bucket. The old-timer told me there are days when snappers seem highly suspicious and when they went for bait suspended by a round bobber on these particular days, it offered too much resistance, and off they'd go to greener pastures, with or without my bait as reward for their vigilance.

So, you see, even with simple snapper fishing there are "tricks to the trade."

What snapper bait to use poses no great problem. I'm sure the most popular (but not the best by any means) is spearing. I've found, however, that fishing results are always better when this particular bait is fresh. That frozen stuff leaves much to be desired. It produces okay when first thawed, but the longer it remains in the package, the softer and mushier it becomes—even keeping it in the shade isn't much help—it's the nature of the beast.

Sand eels are good. Fortunately, when thawed they remain in better condition than spearing—at least for a longer length of time. And one sand eel will often make three baits, which is what you can call getting your money's worth.

But I believe the best bait of all is a slice of snapper, preferably cut from the silvery belly section. And once you catch your first couple of snappers, you need never run out of bait. Often a neighboring fisherman will give you one to get started. Often when I'm cleaning the day's catch, I'll slice up one or two snappers into bait-sized pieces and place them in the deep freeze for future use. Works as well as fresh-caught stuff. At the end of each day I repeat the process.

Using frozen spearing and fresh snapper bait presents a minor problem, but this is easily solved. Because this particular bait does become soft, it has a tendency to slide down the hook shank and become bunched in a mushy mess. Snappers are nobody's fools and most will shy away from such bait, preferring without question that bait which appears natural. But if you purchase one of those special snapper hooks which contain a small keeper hook attached to the shank, your troubles are over. These are available in most tackle shops.

As joyful as snapper fishing with bamboo rods can be, the fisherman who opts for light spinning tackle instead is the fellow who increases his pleasure a hundred-fold. As mentioned before, light spinning tackle and snappers go hand-in-hand—it puts that extra snap in snapper fishing.

With this light tackle and a matching reel filled with four pound test mono, any fisherman can cast to the fish instead of waiting for the fish to come to him. Small lures such as Sidewinders (bunker finish), Kastmasters, Hopkins, and Swedish Pimples will take fish after fish with not a bit of trouble. It is important when tying on these small lures to use an Improved Clinch Knot, or something similar. To use a snap swivel for this is to hinder the lure's action; and without that necessary action, these lures will be of little use.

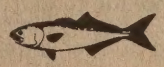
All it takes is a box of bait.

Actually, when using light spinning tackle, it isn't necessary to use lures to gather all the snappers you want, although I'll admit lure-casting is appealing and certainly worthwhile and most enjoyable.

Many times I will employ that keeper-hook rig by adding a small split shot near the shank to serve as added weight to gain casting distance. This is where spearing, sand eel, and snapper slices work wonders when cast to the feeding fish and slowly worked back to the shore line or bulkhead. When putting on whole baitfish, be sure to impale only the head on the small keeper-hook. Doing this will make your bait appear to be moving in a natural-like manner as you reel it back to you. Few snappers have seen baitfish swim backward. It is the taking advantage of these "little" things that put fish in the bucket.

One other thing before we finish.

If at any time you see hesitant snappers following your bait, especially with no takers, it means you are reeling much too fast. Slow down your retrieve immediately. Tomorrow you may need to increase or decrease your retrieve, for that's the way snappers can be. But concern yourself with that when it comes. For now, give them what they want and you'll have no trouble filling that bucket.



NATIONAL SCENE:

License Sales Increase

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Japanese longliner after being released at Rancho Buena Vista, Baja California. The New Zealand government is tagging mako sharks and getting the rather high return rate of 4.2%. One of the makos was recaptured on rod and reel the day after another angler had released him! The Mexican Government has also become interested in tagging and has established such a program for sailfish at Acapulco.

Anglers wishing to cooperate with this program when fishing Pacific areas should contact the NMFS Southwest Fisheries Center at P. O. Box 271, La Jolla, California 92038. That center also sponsors an annual survey of billfish catches in the Pacific and would appreciate the cooperation of any anglers fishing in those waters. More about the results of the latest survey in the next issue.

ON THE ROCKS JETTY TECHNIQUES

Something about fishing from jetties gets to me. I mean, if given a choice, I'd choose fishing from jetties above all other types of fishing—from slinging plugs in waist-deep surf to dragging umbrella rigs behind luxury cruisers, from bouncing bottom from tiny trailered boats to drifting cut bait from a party boat. Not that any of the above-mentioned methods are undesirable in any way. I've used 'em all, and love 'em all, but for sheer every day consistency of fishing, I'll take jetties all the time.

We're talking about fishing—not necessarily catching fish, you understand. Although you may assume that one goes hand in hand with the other, it ain't necessarily so, as Gershwin so aptly put it in the words of that song in Porgy and Bess. You can enjoy fishing even though you may not always catch fish. That's the magical allure of fishing from jetties—you can always enjoy fishing thereon.

We beach rats are conditioned to accept lean times as par for the course; it's sad, but true, that you can usually catch more fish from a boat than you can from shore. We have our moments though, and occasionally a blitz. This is the spur that goads us on, the hope that brings us back every time, and for those hopelessly addicted nuts, every night. And we enjoy ourselves every time we indulge our fancy, fish or no fish, because of that chance that the next cast, or the next trip, might put us into fish again. When it comes to fishing from shore, jetties offer a wide variety of fish and fishing techniques that are ideal for a fish nut like me.

Jetties are natural fish magnets: first of all, the very composition of most structures entices fish to the vicinity. Built of rocks that become encrusted with marine growth, jetties not only provide barnacles and mussels for baitfish to feed on, but nooks and crannies—as well as seaweed—for the baitfish to seek shelter in when threatened by predators. The weed and rocks host grass shrimp, mussels, rock crabs and eels, further attracting fish. The water immediately adjacent to most jetties is usually fairly deep, since the bottom is continually scoured by the swift currents formed by the intrusion of the rocks. Of course, deep water further attracts large fish within casting range.

Blackfish feed right on the jetty proper, crunching the barnacles and mussels formed on underwater rocks, and scooping up any crabs or clams below them. Those grass shrimp entice a host of hungry fish such as porgies, sea bass and winter flounder. Needless to say, this smorgasborg is an ideal feeding ground for bass, weaks, and blues in all seasons.

Fishing from jetties is an art not easily mastered by impatient anglers. As in all fishing, it's best to go with an old hand, to learn the ropes—the old buddy system that becomes all the more important when you realize the rationale behind this thinking, when it comes to rock-hopping. First of all, jetties can be dangerous, especially at night. The rocks are treacherous, either moving underfoot just when you're mistakenly solidly entrenched upon one, such as in the midst of a Herculean cast, or slick as grease, covered with weed or a moss-like growth that might appear as solid footing to the uninitiated.

A buddy, wise in the ways of jetties, can make life on the rocks bearable, teaching safety precautions as well as productive fishing techniques as he further becomes a vital partner, gaffing fish, holding a light at night, or just plain being there to rap with between peaks of fishing action. You'll learn how to balance and distribute your weight while walking on jetties, while casting, and while fighting fish. He'll teach you what type of footwear to use, pointing out the difference between felt and creepers, or cleats, and when you should wear which type. And he'll teach you how to catch fish, too.

The best method of fishing jetties is called fan casting. Here you extract the maximum potential of any jetty by covering the most fishable areas in a systematic pattern. As you enter upon any jetty, do not proceed out to the tip directly without first exploring the waters immediately adjacent to the base, which can surprisingly harbor fish. Start fishing by casting from the base, and continue as you work your way to the tip, continuing as you return to the base on the side opposite that which you entered upon. In other words, start fishing on your right side, work your way to the tip, and fish your way back to the base of the jetty on your left side.

As you fish, plan your casts to radiate from side to side, each successive cast placed at an angle which is a little further away until you are casting straight out; then reverse the process as you work from that point around to your other side. If you started out fishing on your right, continue as noted until you wind up fishing on your extreme left, giving you roughly 180% of potential productive fishing area. If you make each cast a multiple affair, you automatically increase your potential. After the first cast on the first quadrant, repeat that same cast, but reach out a little farther. Then repeat that same cast again, this time farther yet, giving you maximum coverage of each quadrant.

As you can see, this not only gives you maximum lateral coverage, but maximum longitudinal coverage as well, and by doing so you will cover the maximum potential of any jetty, thereby increasing your chances of catching fish. It's not easy by any means, and it takes some time to properly fish any jetty—but that's the name of the game. If fishing, any fishing, was too easy, I think it would lose its magical mystique—for most of us, anyhow. I know it would soon become boring to me. How can you fully enjoy any reward not properly earned? The fun of

The jetty at the south end of Orchard Beach, in the Bronx

fishing is in fooling those fish into taking your bait or lure, and part of that fun is in the expectation. And catching a fish when they are less than cooperative is, to me, the ultimate reward—the mark of a true fisherman.

With this expectation in mind, each cast becomes an adventure, and the meticulous work detailed above becomes a labor of love. This is why I say that you can enjoy fishing even if you do not catch fish; truly dedicated jetty jockeys hit on working or prospecting true jetty potential. To do otherwise would, to them, be anything but fishing. Beyond any esoterical rewards come the tangible results of dedication: the fish available to devout practitioners of jetty lore. And, according to the season, these rewards come often enough to make all your endeavors worthwhile.

Game fish respond nicely to natural baits: bass and weakfish on whole sand worms, fished off the bottom by means of a float, or by the simpler expendient of tying that hook about three feet above the sinker. Squid strips fished in this manner are also prime baits, and cut bait, such as chunks of bunker or mackerel, will score for bass and weakfish also, as well as bluefish. Here, too, baitfish such as killies, spearing, and sand eels also turn the trick at times. The big game hunter can employ live baits to lure fish: live bunker, snappers, baby blackfish, eels, killies, or even bergalls, can all entice stripers, bluefish, and weakfish, especially if fished at night, or in that magical hour before dawn or before dark.

Lures also are effective from jetties, trolling up fish by simulating live baitfish. Plugs of all types are good bets, with the nod going to floating Rebels, or those deadly jointed Rebel plugs that now come in natural-like finishes that more closely duplicate natural baitfish. Daylight sees tins working well, or those new Tri-Fin Sand Eel Jigs that look like the real thing in color and swimming performance. And bucktails are good too, bounced or hopped along the bottom, simulating any one of many baits. Do not hesitate to use those new plastic-tailed baits either—one of those many curved-tailed models in mylar-flecked colors that look amazingly lifelike and that catch fish, too.

When using lures, employ the same methods described above to once again give you maximum coverage of fishable water, and vary each retrieve to give you additional odds. In other words, try one cast at a normal retrieve, another at a slow retrieve, another at a fast retrieve, or yet another at an erratic, herky-jerky retrieve. Fish are "funny people"—something that produces one day, or on one tide, may not interest them on another day, or on the next tide. Whoever said that variety is the spice of life must have had gills and fins, 'cause fish certainly will make you think this way!

Jetties are available all over. Besides the many small jetties that dot our shore lines, and that are often overlooked as inconsequential by some anglers, there are several in our area that are good producers, and are open to the public. The Breezy Point jetty at Rockaway, and the jetty at Great Kills Park in Staten Island; the many jetties along the beach at Coney Island, the jetty to the west of Fort Totten, in Long Island—all public domain. Furthermore, the jetty at parking field #9 in Fort Schuyler, right under the Throg's Neck Bridge in the Sound, is also productive at times; but here a special permit is required to permit access to the Fort grounds. If interested, inquiries can be made at the guard shack, at the main gate. For the nominal fee of five bucks, you may be able to obtain limited access to some darn good blackfish and striped bass territory.

Regardless of whatever jetty you choose, tread carefully, observe all safety precautions, and fish it thoroughly. Get out as often as you can, fish all tides, day or night, fair weather or foul, and use bait or lures—whatever turns you on the most. As you get the hang of jetty-jumping, and as your scores increase with regularity, perhaps you, too, will give that stock answer to bartenders when they ask how you want your scotch, when someone asks you what your favorite method of fishing is. Perhaps, like me, you'll also answer, "Make mine on the rocks, please!"

Fish Talk:

ALUMINUM BOATS

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difficulty of the box' construction. Anyway, for most materials it isn't necessary. However, even when water does not enter the box there is usually a lot of condensation in any closed compartment when near the sea. After all, nights are damp but cool, and often the summer sun is overpowered by a strong sea breeze. Therefore, put a small drain hole in the bottom of the box. In fact, in a large box you may want two or three. It is also a good idea to install an aluminum louver in the side of the compartment. In this way, air will circulate in and out preventing the growth of mildew and discourage decomposition of clothing, tackle and tools.

HOW ABOUT A SIDE-MOUNTED CONSOLE ON YOUR BOAT? One of the most frequently heard complaints from small runabout owners is that on a choppy day the boat bounces too much or that in any weather the angler driving the boat from the rear seat corner finds it difficult to balance the boat properly. Balancing and improving the handling of a small craft can often be improved easily by adjusting the tilt of the engine. However, all problems in all situations are not conducive to correction by altering motor trim. In a small boat that is loaded close to capacity, raising the motor may stabilize the up and down pounding of the bow, but may also cause the bow to dig into a wave crest in a choppy sea and you may take on a lot of water. Some anglers put the gas tanks forward and this does work, but there are disadvantages. For one thing, the gas tank can bounce when you take an unexpected wave and this may dent the hull or worse, put a hole in it. Perhaps of even more immediate concern is the gas line that will run from bow to stern. The fin of a flopping fish may puncture it, so may a hook; and a knife that falls from a seat or hand could do even more damage. Perhaps, then, the addition of a center console that is mounted on the side can be a better solution. With a side-mounted console, the boat will ride with more stability, the driver will have a feeling of more space, and the boat will get up on plane with much less effort. Some dealers sell these adaptable consoles for specific models; while others can be purchased that then must be modified for specific hull shapes. It is also possible to make your own console to fit your craft. Steering wheels, steering cables and hardware, as well as speed and shift controls can be purchased from most dealers across the country and installed easily.

TIPS ON THE CARE OF YOUR ALUMINUM BOAT! One of the advantages of an aluminum boat is the low maintenance they require. Before fiberglass and aluminum craft became popular, boats were made of wood and it often took more hours to make the boat ready for seasonal use than hours the boat was finally used in that season. That's why, in case you've wondered, there were fewer boats on the water in the good old days! Today's aluminum boat needs only an hour or two of your time to get it ready for many hours of fishing and family enjoyment. The exterior and interior can be cleaned easily with clean water and mild detergent. A soft brush will often speed the task. Painted surfaces can be protected with a coat of automobile wax. If there are any stains or light corrosion, most of these can be removed with a light rubbing compound. Anti-fouling bottom paint is a must if you keep your boat in the water for long periods, but since many people remove the boats after use because they are so light, anti-fouling paint is not necessary. Be sure to use an anti-fouling paint that has been manufactured expressly for aluminum boats. Repairs can be made for dents and bends with the use of a rubber mallet. Do not store your aluminum boat on bare ground since the minerals in the soil will promote electrolysis. Enjoy your small craft more with a little planning and a little customizing.

FISH TALK
with William A. Muller

Info on Aluminum Boats

DOES GAS MIX WITH ALUMINUM? In recent months we have received quite a few letters inquiring about aluminum boats simply because with gasoline prices soaring through the roof, fishermen are seeking ways of continuing to enjoy their sport without restrictions created by the existing economy. In some quarters of this country boating is considered a "fat cat's" leisure time activity. However, the data shows that this perception is, to a large degree, inaccurate. For example, the National Marine Manufacturer's Association tells us that there are about one million aluminum craft registered in the United States. This makes up about one-third of all U.S. Coast Guard registered boats and a full one-half of registered boats that are under sixteen feet long! Those figures are astounding. Of course, the more affluent among us will not be severely affected by current fuel and materials costs, but the average fisherman needs only a simple craft to enjoy his sport for the most part. Thus, there is a growing interest in aluminum boats and in this week's column, I hope to share some of the tips and ideas that others have been kind enough to share with us as well as provide a few of my own thoughts, since I've been a user of aluminum crafts for more years than I care to remember. It reminds me that the years are slipping by in spite of my diligent efforts to stop the clock with vitamins and exercise! Understand, we aren't suggesting that other types of craft are without value, but rather that for those who are faced with the decision of a simple boat or none at all, perhaps an aluminum runabout is the answer.

TODAY'S ALUMINUM BOAT HAS CHANGED! The aluminum runabout of present vintage has changed a great deal from its ancestors. Formerly, these boats were often thought of as utility boats. Present models are designed with the idea in mind that they may take choppy seas as fishermen run to and from the fishing grounds. There are more creature comforts, too, and larger models may have small cuddy areas. There are also models designed for quiet freshwater spots where a fisherman can get a great view of the lily pads from a high, padded swivel-backed chair. Small boat fishing has become more comfortable and luxurious without pushing costs to a point where the average person, like you and I, can no longer afford it.

ADDING STORAGE SPACE! The small boat fisherman is faced with the constant problem of not having enough space. The problem can be lessened, but it never goes away completely. The law of physics that states that two things cannot occupy the same space at the same time says it better than any phrase I can dream up. With a limited amount of space, most area is taken up by seats, people, gas tanks, and tackle. One should begin with the idea that a great deal of gear cannot be stored on a small boat. If one accepts this, it will be a lot easier to adapt the runabout to better and more enjoyable fishing. The chances are that for quiet water fishing, if there is no room for it then it doesn't belong on board. Generally speaking, tackle for quiet water fishing is light and small: gas tanks fit neatly into the "dead" area between the rear seat and the motor; the anchor stores well in the "dead" space right behind the bow, and a pail or simple fish box can be placed between two of the seats that aren't occupied on both sides. Thus, what remains for storage are the small and more flexible items such as pieces of clothing, a thermos, food, bait, rags, a small depth recorder, a tackle box, assorted lures, and perhaps a gaff or net. We solved the storage of rods with an easy-to-make rod rack that fits neatly against the bow side of a front seat, and under the lip of the seat. By securing it slightly off-center, it is still relatively easy for someone to step around it in order to let down or hoist the anchor.

STORAGE BOXES. The National Marine Manufacturers Association suggests that the addition of small storage boxes can enhance the utility of your small craft. Factory installed storage increases the price by a substantial amount and storage is often a matter of personal taste. Therefore, it is often wiser to leave these items off the finished craft so that the fisherman can design his own accommodations. Although some do-it-yourselfers are quite skilled in making things, most of us aren't cabinet makers. However, do not fret since most storage boxes do not require the finely developed skills of an expert cabinet maker, it is relatively easy to add a little extra storage to your small boat. You can begin by adding small plastic or fiberglass boxes that are sold in many sporting goods and department stores. Although frequently these boxes are intended for other uses such as in camping or for home storage, they often adapt well to use on boats. It is suggested that you measure the area that will require the storage and then take these dimensions with you when shopping. Pre-made boxes can be rested along or across the centerline of the boat, but many fishermen complain that by doing so, the boxes and their contents are often bounced around quite a bit. Therefore, it may be better to secure them. Of course, the boxes can be affixed permanently, but be sure to use hardware that will not corrode, tend to encourage an ever-widening hole where secured, and that the metal is not of a non-compatible nature that may encourage electrolysis. For example, using brass screws on aluminum boats is definitely not recommended. Boxes can also be used with resting apparatus that will hold the box firmly in place, yet not interfere with removal. There are several ways to approach this and it might be best to discuss these with your local marina, marine hardware supplier, or friend or relative whose abilitites in mechanics are well established.

NARROW MAY BE BETTER. Actually, narrow width boxes that have some longitudinal capacity may be the most ideal type of storage compartment for a small boat. These can be fixed either to the gunwale between the mid and stern seats where boat beam is greatest or up against the side of a seat. Some of the best that I have seen are a scant few inches wide, but may run the entire beam against the seat and be two feet deep. Such a compartment does not interfere with sitting comfort, is not in the way when fighting a fish or in any other activity that you might enjoy on board, yet can store tools, clothing, an extra propeller, maps, food , drinks, binoculars, towels, and a variety of other "stuff." Some boat owners add a small box to the top of a stern seat in the corner. However, some may find this to be a significant inconvenience when fishing. Again, this is a matter of personal preference. Such a compartment, however, may be ideal for convenient access to a depth recorder or spotlight. Other anglers and boat owners have put boxes between the front seat and the bow figuring that this space is really only valuable as a place to put the anchor and, therefore, can find more value in storage. However, a word of caution: be certain that by placing a storage box in the bow position that you will still have access to the anchor line. If the space between the front seat and the bow is too great, the presence of a box there will mean that you'll have to stretch too far to work the anchor and this can be uncomfortable in any weather and downright dangerous when it's sloppy.

A GOOD SUGGESTION. Whether you buy an "instant" box or make one, the NMMA reminds you that the ocean is a wet place. That may seem like an obvious statement—but, honest, we aren't trying to be cute! When running in a chop there is bound to be some spray that comes in the boat. When the spray is wind-driven, it may find its way into a storage box even when the lid is overlapping. Of course, you can prevent this with a groove and gasket, but to do so will add to the expense and

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PRESERVING TROPHY FISH

by Al Brissette

Although I only have a small taxidermy practice, there is one problem faced by all taxidermists both large and small—and that is rotten fish.

I still remember back in 1973 when a friend of mine came in with a bass he wanted mounted, which smelled like three-week-old garbage from a fish cleaning plant. Our friendship ended when I persuaded him and his fish to leave my home quicker than they had arrived.

In order to preserve friendships, and the health of your local taxidermist, I'd like to offer the following rules for when you catch your next trophy fish.

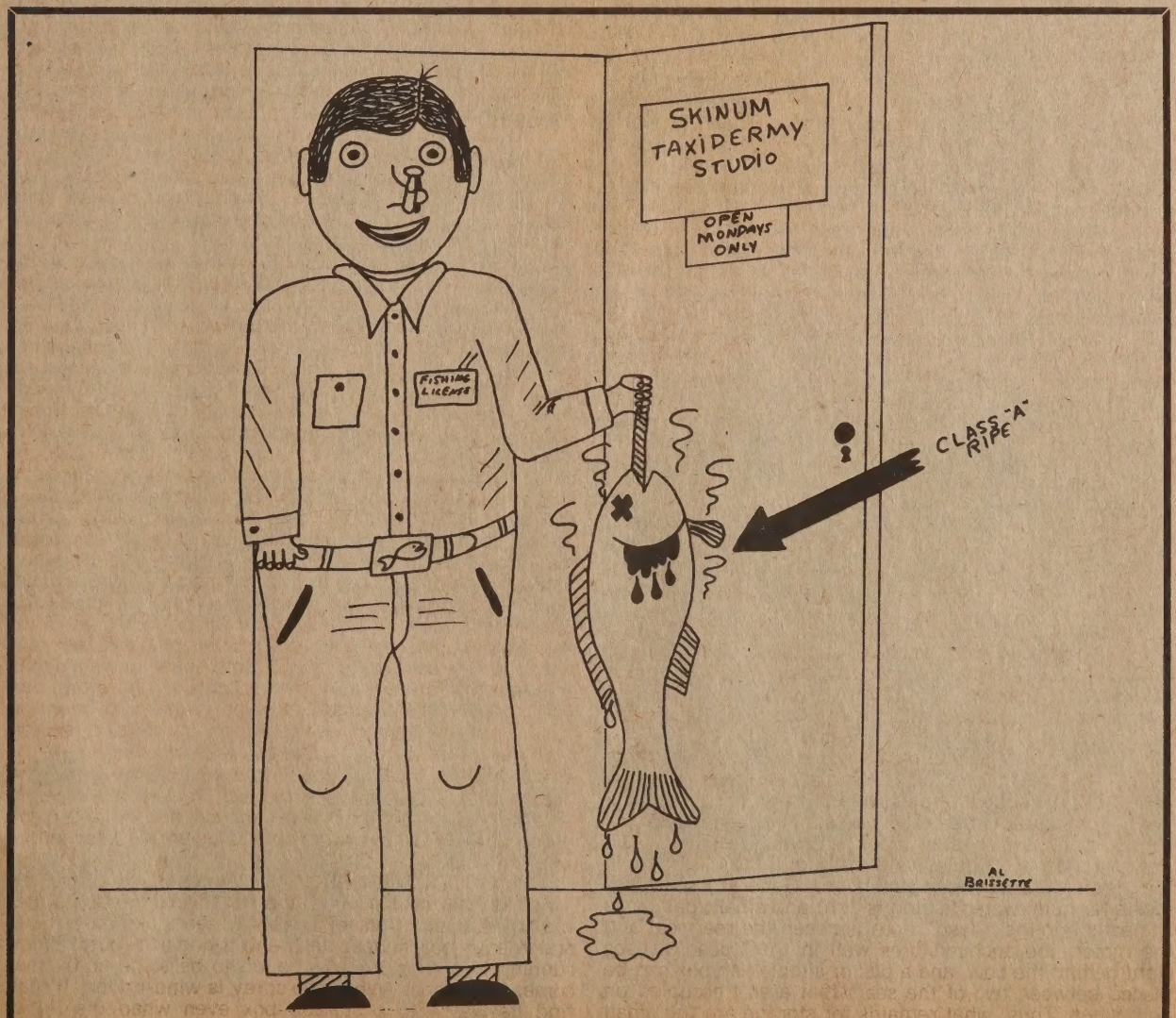
1. Don't let the fish jump around in the bottom of the boat. Missing scales won't make your fish look any better when it's on your wall.

2. Lay the fish on a towel or any piece of cloth and take a few close-up color photos of your catch from different angles. This will help your taxidermist match your trophy's colors and markings as closely as possible.

3. Wrap the fish in the cloth, and place in a plastic bag. (Plastic trash bags come in enough sizes to accommodate most fish.)

4. When finished, place this package on ice and keep it frozen until you can get it to the taxidermist.

Remember that a good mount requires competent taxidermy skills, but a taxidermist is not a miracle worker. What you do with your trophy before bringing it to him will make a lot of difference in the end.



"Can you mount 'er for me???"

Summer Weakfishing in Long Island Sound

A TOUCH OF CLASS

by Andy Regina

It started out as just another run-of-the-mill trip out into the western Sound for porgies, aboard Captain Pete Anderson's "North Star", as we slid out of our berth in Jack's Marina, in City Island, that sunny late-summer morning. Partyboat buffs get a varied assortment of bottom species in Long Island Sound, usually kicking off the season with winter flounder, then switching over to mackerel and blackfish as the departing flatties are replaced with those willing volunteers. Seasons can and do overlap, so that at certain times of the year you may actually have two or three different available species to choose from. Once the blacks and macs are far gone for the summer though, it's usually a slow pick for a stray flounder or blackfish until late summer, when the slack is normally picked up by an annual invasion of porgies.

The battling porgies usually keep bottom-bouncers happy until cooling fall water chases them to warmer climes, at which time we experience the fall of flounder and blackfish once again. The mackerel hit in again as they work their way down south, but it is nowhere like the mind-boggling spring run in numbers or longevity. The ubiquitous porgy then, must keep thousands of anglers happy for at least a couple of months, and it goes about that task with a vengeance that belies its diminutive size. Our porgies, unlike the "dinner platters" caught at such exotic places as Peconic Bay, Montauk or the Tin Can Grounds off Rockaway, never attain the size and weight of their big brethren (two to three pounds or better), and a one pound "sand" porgy is considered a large fish. They fight like giants though, and are usually prolific enough to make up in quantity what they lack in quality, and provide lots of fine sport and good eating for lots of people.

We had been catching porgies fairly regularly over the past couple of weeks, at such well known porgy hotspots as Eaton's Neck, Lloyd's Neck, and the Center Island reef. Being almost human, I soon grew tired of "the same old thing", and craved some variety to spice up my fishing life. What spurred me on was the fact that I had just received a Lew Childre Bucktail Stick from my friend, Craig Childre, and was dying to try that lightweight graphite miracle in action. I brought along a pocketful of small Boone Shad Jigs, and figured to try for my porgies with lures, rather than use the time-honored bait (worms).

You can catch porgies on lures you know, although bait is truly the name of the game for them. At Montauk we catch porgies on diamond jigs regularly, and a couple of years ago I light-tackled them on tiny Tri-Fin shrimp jigs, surprising even their creator, Mickey Chiarenza. Besides, all that, I figured that I'd soon grow tired of jigging after a while, which would literally force me to concentrate on taking some photos. I was in trouble with Doc Muller again; my photos were lousy, and he was pleading with me to improve my technique. It ain't that hard to take good photos either, if you're not some idiot who can't concentrate on the camera when fish are flying over the rails. I can't! The forced concentration would afford me sorely needed practice while possibly getting that guy off my back—he was starting to sound like my wife does, when she tries to get me to do some chore around the house! And so, the scene was set as we sailed eastward into a rising sun, bound once more towards what I assumed would be the Center Island Reef. As usual, once again I was wrong!

Being known as a writer for The Long Island Fisherman has some advantages, the least of which is that hitherto closed doors now become magically open to you. Of all the courtesies extended, access to the captain's wheelhouse provides my greatest satisfaction, and many pleasant hours are spent rapping with the skipper while we are under way. These guys are veritable fonts of fishing information—they have to be, because not only are they on the scene every day, but their very livelihood depends upon their proficiency in locating fish for their customers. Check out the partyboat scene sometime; the most successful skippers always draw the biggest crowds, it's as simple as that! And, equally as simple, any time you want to know what's happening, always go to the guy that knows!

As I chatted with Pete I learned several things: first of all, be happy with what you've got. Here I was, squawking about going for porgies again, to a guy that had a boatload of fishermen just dying to get in on some of the action. Had I actually become jaded as a fisherman, as one editor (who shall remain nameless) recently surmised? Had too much of a good thing warped my appreciation for that same good thing? Surely, with a boatload of anglers eager to do battle with those little silver scrappers, did I even have the right to feel as I did? Rights, however, are God-given, and tho' I may not always agree with your thinking, I'll defend with my life our right to free thought. The answer lay in facing each new fishing trip as a personal challenge, regardless of the species sought, and getting some of that old knee-shaking excitement back into the game.

Along with this sage advice, Pete passed along some vital information that quickly started that old adrenalin flowing again. Over the past couple of weeks, sporadic catches of weakfish had been made, on worm baits meant for porgies, outside of Oyster Bay and Bayville. Some of those spotted beauties went up to eight and ten pounds, and the daily boat pool was often decided by one of these

The bend in that stout boat rod should alert you to the fact that this time there isn't a little porgy on the other end.

sea trout. There was no specific fishing for weakfish, not as we think of in terms of the run in Peconic Bay in the spring and not enough to warrent concentrating on them only, although an angler in a private boat probably could have zeroed-in on them at specific times of the tide.

The weakfish were a hit-or-miss proposition—just enough to sprinkle that little bit of spice that added anticipation and magic—and just what the doctor ordered, to restore that knee-shaking thrill. And the fish were a lot closer to home too, having been caught just off Oak Neck Point, outside of Bayville, as recently as yesterday. "Here we go again", I thought, "another 'you should have been here yesterday' story!". Why are all the best fishing trips always on the day before I get out? That old feeling was returning as I left the wheelhouse and clambered down the ladder to the main deck.

Normally, much of my time is spent outside on deck while we travel, watching the mates perform their many tasks, pitching in once in a while, asking hundreds of questions, and otherwise making a general nuisance of myself. Those guys are busy, man, and are kept hopping from the word go, and the patience and courtesy always shown to me is a tribute to their devotion to duty. As my bulk got underfoot I silently observed Eddie rigging the passengers' rods, and I smiled. Beside the normal two-hook tandem rig tied in just above a sinker, the mate was tying on another hook about two feet above the bottom hooks. Now I knew we had a decent shot at some weakfish!

As the boat ground to a halt off of the prettiest beaches on the North Shore, I once more drank in the beauty of clean white sand backed up by high green bluffs interspersed with a few small rock jetties. As the mates set the anchor I wondered if the beaches along the Bronx shore had ever looked as beautiful, and realized that perhaps this was the reason that weakfish were so hard to come by, closer to home.

Predominantly bottom feeders, weakfish also feed on the surface as well as at intermediate depths. Effective baits have always been a variety of artificials but frequently whole, live sandworms, fished either on the bottom or slightly off it, or drifted out weightlessly into the tide or current work best. Squid strips fished in the same manner are also effective at times, as are live baitfish such as killies, snappers, or even baby weakfish, especially in the fall of the year. Whole shredder crabs are dynamite at times, especially at night in the surf, and live bunker and live eels score persistently, often surprising anglers who had stripers or bluefish on their minds. Cut bait such as chunks of bunker or mackerel also work well, and fresh shrimp will often tell the tale when all else fails.

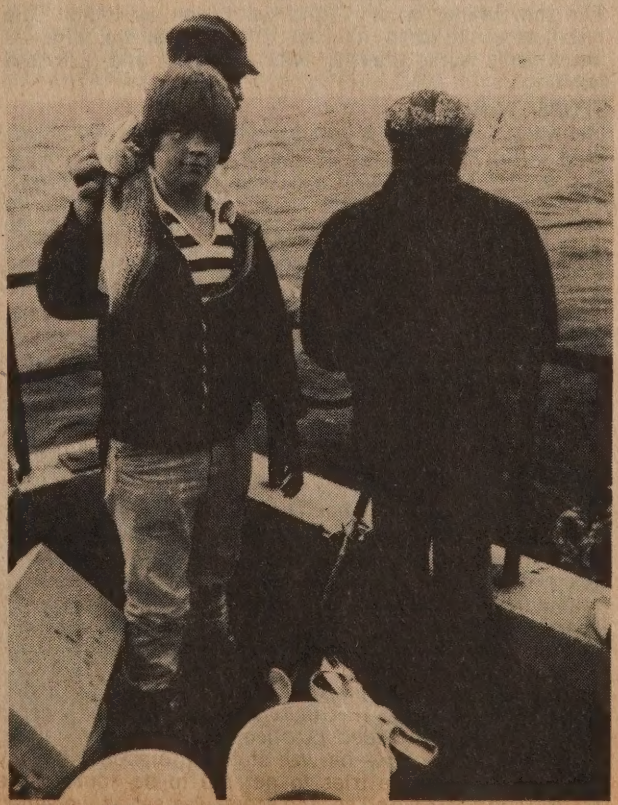
The term, "weakfish", does not apply to this gamester's fighting qualities, or the fits a big one will give you on the end of your line. Rarely resorting to airborne tactics, weakfish will not leap out of the water as the spectacular bluefish does, and may not strike as solidly as a striped bass, but they can display an underwater battle that is second to none. Wise anglers should keep a fairly loose drag on their reels, for this fish has a habit of losing its thin mouth membrane to unyielding lines. If you should lose one enroute, and come up with just a piece of weakfish lip on your hook, you probably had your drag set too tightly. By the same token, light, responsive rods are preferable to heavier, unyielding sticks, because they bend to the onslaught rather than resist it.

If any one particular fish was ever perfectly suited to light tackle lure fishing, the weakfish is that fish. Early on, small shrimp and baitfish make up the bulk of its diet, so small plastic lures such as grubs, shrimp tails, and plastic worms seem to produce best. Later on, when bait fry has grown in size, plugs, spoons, and tube lures do very well, and a rapidly squidded diamond jig seems to prove almost irresistible. Bear in mind that you should not confine your lure fishing efforts to any one particular strata of water, but should concentrate at each level, from rock bottom, up through the intermediate depths, right on up to and including levels just below the surface.

Disdaining the traditional bottom rig everyone else aboard was employing, I tied a 1/0 beak hook directly to the end of my line, threaded on a large, squirming sandworm, and fed it into the current swirling past the stern of the boat. Handstripping line from my reel, I played out fifty or sixty feet slowly and nervously, then retrieved it just as slowly and nervously when no strikes were felt. I repeated this process several times without results, as many of my fellow fishermen started to haul porgies at a fairly steady rate. When one guy in the bow, then a lady amidships, scored with weakfish of two or three pounds, I figured I wasn't fishing deep enough, so I tied on a bucktail jig and impaled a sandworm on it, and proceeded to fish it down deep, bouncing it off the bottom as I slowly retrieved.

This must have been where the fish were feeding, because I soon had a nice pickup and runoff, but lost the fish as I foolishly tried to set the hook. Rebaiting my bucktail, I tried the same maneuver again, and was rewarded with a solid strike by a nice-sized fish, if the bend in my rod and the shrill scream of my drag meant anything. The fish just seemed to pick up my bait on the run, and kept running, clear down the length of the port side of the boat and up to the bow, with me chugging along in pursuit, weaving under and over all the rods along the way. Happy that I had run the gamut safely, I forgot all about the anchor line off the bow, so naturally I got hung up on it and lost the fish! By now a dozen or so anglers had weakfish in their bags; everyone had a decent mess of porgies, too, but my bucket was bone dry, and it was getting late.

Remembering my vow to concentrate on photos, I sadly racked my rod, set my camera, and proceeded to photograph the last couple of hours of fishing action. There were a few more school-sized weakfish caught, and quite a few porgies, but I was not resentful as I busily clicked away. Tomorrow was another day, and I'd take another ride with Pete and the boys, and give the weakfish another shot. I had found what had been missing from my previous trips, not that the weakfish made that much difference. I was determined to enjoy each trip as it came, and if it was only small porgies, then so be it. But, boy, those weakfish sure added a touch of class!



A weakfish in the three-pound class can make you wonder why they were ever called "Weakfish" in the first place.

HURRICANE!

by Einar "Doc" Grell

"Not here! We haven't had a hurricane in years," could be the most dangerous words that you will ever hear. It's best to be prepared. This could be the year. No coastal area such as that of Long Island or Fire Island is immune.

Hurricanes develop from a variety of tropical weather disturbances and pass through several increasingly intense phases classified as tropical depressions with winds of less than 38 mph; tropical storms with winds between 39-73 mph; and finally hurricanes with winds of 74 mph and more.

Major hurricanes are relatively rare events on Long Island. Residents in this area have a good chance of living many years without experiencing one. Some residents have experienced the fringes of hurricanes, but few have suffered the fury of a direct hit. Many have not had hurricane experience whatsoever.

The hurricane which struck Long Island on Wednesday, September 21, 1938 was a direct hit and probably has been forgotten by many; its lessons have probably been forgotten. If they have been forgotten, a brief trot down "Memory Lane" should help us to understand how much trouble a strong storm could bring.

What are we up against? How will warnings reach us? What should we do...and when? Can we ride it out safely at home? What should we do with our boats? These are all questions which we should answer before such a phenomemon occurs.

THE FORCES WE ARE UP AGAINST.

The combination of wind and water can be lethal. The threat occurs to us in this order: 1) storm surge, which is the storm's worst killer; 2) wind damage; and 3) inland flooding.

STORM SURGE.

The worst thing about a hurricane is a general rise in sea level called storm surge. It begins over the deep ocean. The low pressure and strong winds around the hurricane's eye raise the ocean surface a foot or two higher than the surrounding ocean surface, forming a dome of water as much as fifty miles across. As the storm moves into shallow coastal waters, decreasing water depth transforms the dome into a storm surge that can rise twenty feet or more above normal sea level. This causes massive flooding and destruction along shore lines in its path. This rise in water depth may come rapidly and produce flash floods in coastal lowlands, or may come in the form of giant waves—sometimes mistakenly called tidal waves.

Breakers coming ashore in a hurricane travel at about one-half the speed of winds in the storm. Relating this to pressure created by breakers, you have approximately 10,000 lbs. per square foot. Just as storm surge is superimposed on the normal tides, the high wind-driven waves of the hurricane are superimposed on the storm surge. Consider, a block of water two miles long, twelve feet deep and one mile wide, weighing more than twenty million tons. The result is an extremely effective battering ram, capable of smashing structures to rubble, eroding long stretches of beach and undermining poorly anchored buildings.

The highest and most dangerous portion of the storm surge usually extends from near the center of the hurricane some fifty miles along the coast in the northwest quadrant of the hurricane.

WIND.

Wind speeds vary greatly from hurricane to hurricane and within each storm. Wind gusts may exceed sustained winds by twenty-five to fifty percent. For example: a storm with sustained winds of 100 mph and one with 150 mph winds might have gusts over 200 mph. The hurricane of 1938 which slammed into Long Island had gusts of 150 mph. Winds may break power lines and make a wind-whipped snake out of a hot wire. It damages trees, patio doors and windows, and carries a barrage of debris. But wind is not the primary killer.

How does the wind cause damage? The wrenching and bending forces imposed by gusting winds do part of the job. Another factor is the rapid increase in wind force as wind speed increases. Wind force increases with the square of the wind speed. This means, for example, when the wind speed doubles, four times more force is exerted on structures.

That is why the key to reducing wind damage is reinforcing weak spots like windows, exterior glass doors, small trees and shrubbery. The time between the first rise in wind and rain squalls and a return to moderate winds after the storm is often about twenty-four hours. But this varies greatly depending upon the size of the hurricane, its forward speed and how close you are to the center.

FLOODING.

Rainfall varies with hurricane size, forward speed, and other factors, but there are some relatively constant features. During the "average" twenty-four hour period it takes a hurricane to pass through a community, as little as five to ten inches of rainfall or better than twelve to twenty inches of rainfall can occur. As the storm moves inland and its winds diminish, the flooding caused by these torrential rains then becomes the hurricane's greatest threat.

WHAT TO DO WHEN A HURRICANE THREATENS.

When a hurricane threatens your area, you will have to make the decision as to whether you should evacuate or whether you can ride out the storm in safety at home. If authorities recommend evacuation, you should leave. Their advice is based on knowledge of the strength of the hurricane and its potential for death and destruction. In 1938 residents of Fire Island and many lower lying coastal areas of the Island's south shore were told to evacuate. In general, if you live near the coastline, on the beach at Fire Island or on the south shore only two or three feet above high tide water, you should plan to leave. If your home is on high ground out of danger from high tides or rising streams and is well built, you should consider staying.

If your home does not offer adequate protection, be prepared to move to the house of a friend or relative or take refuge in a designated community safety area or shelter. If there are ill or disabled persons in your home, get a doctor's advice on where they should stay and make the move early.

In any case, the ultimate decision to stay or leave will be yours. Study the following list of things to do before, during, and after a hurricane and carefully consider the factors involved. Some of the safety rules will make things easier for you during a hurricane. All are important and could help save your life and the lives of others.

WHAT DAMAGE CAN YOU EXPECT?

To relate hurricane intensity to damage potential, the National Hurricane Center uses a scale which assigns storms to five categories. Category 1 is a minimum hurricane; Category 5 is the worst case.

Category 1: Winds of 74 to 95 mph. Damage primarily to shrubbery, trees, foliage and unanchored mobile homes. No real damage to other structures. Some damage

to poorly constructed signs. Storm surge four to five feet above normal. Low lying coastal roads inundated, minor pier damage, some small craft in exposed anchorage torn from moorings.

Category 2: Winds of 96 to 110 mph. Considerable damage to shrubbery and tree foliage; some trees blown down. Major damage to exposed mobile homes. Extensive damage to poorly constructed signs. Some damage to roofing materials of buildings; some windows and door damage. No major damage to buildings. Storm surge six to nine feet above normal. Coastal roads and low lying escape routes inland cut by rising water two to four hours before arrival of hurricane center. Considerable damage to piers. Marinas flooded. Small craft in unprotected anchorages torn from moorings. Evacuation of some shore line residences and low lying inland areas required.

Category 3: Winds of 111 to 130 mph. Foliage torn from trees; large trees blown down. Practically all poorly constructed signs blown down. Some damage to roofing materials of buildings; some window and door damage. Some structural damage to small buildings. Mobile homes destroyed. Storm surge is from nine to twelve feet above normal. Serious flooding at coast and many smaller structures near coast destroyed; larger structures near coast damaged by battering waves and floating debris. Low-lying escape routes inland cut by rising water three to five hours before hurricane center arrives. Flat terrain five feet or less above sea level flooded inland one to three miles, or more. Evacuation of low lying residences within several blocks of shore line possible required.

Category 4: Winds 131 to 155 mph. Shrubs and trees blown down; all signs come down. Extensive damage to roofing materials, windows and doors. Complete failure of roofs on many small residences. Complete destruction of mobile homes. Storm surge thirteen to eighteen feet above normal. Flat terrain ten feet or less above sea level flooded inland as far as six miles. Major damage to lower floors of structures near shore due to flooding and battering by waves and floating debris. Low lying escape routes inland cut by rising water three to five hours before hurricane center arrives. Major erosion at beaches. Massive evacuation of all residences within five hundred yards of shore possibly required and of single-story residences on low ground within two miles of shore.

Category 5: Winds greater than 155 mph. Considerable damage to roofs or buildings; all signs down. Very severe and extensive damage to windows and doors. Complete failure of roofs on many residences and industrial buildings. Extensive shattering of glass in windows and doors. Some complete building failures. Small buildings overturned or blown away. Complete destruction of mobile homes. Storm surge in this category is greater than eighteen feet above normal. Major damage to lower floors of all structures less than fifteen feet above sea level within five hundred yards of shore. Low lying escape routes inland cut by rising water three to five miles hours before hurricane center arrives. Massive evacuation of residential areas on low ground within five to ten miles of shore possibly required.

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO...AND WHEN?

When a hurricane may threaten within thirty-six hours, what should you do. A few tips are in order.

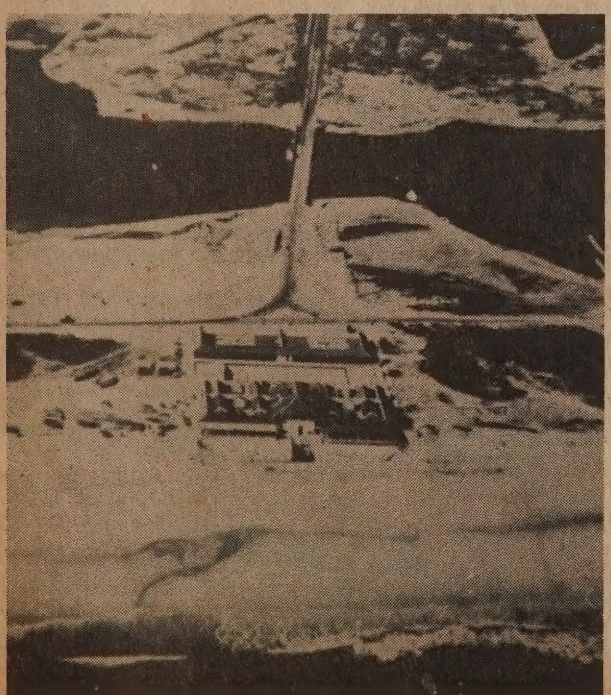
You should: **1.** Have a transistor radio with enough fresh batteries to last several days. There may be no electricity. **2.** Check supply of flashlights, candles, lamps and matches. Store matches in a waterproof container. Have lantern fuel for several days. **3.** Fill gasoline tank and check battery water of your vehicle as soon as the hurricane watch is issued. Where there is no electricity, gas pumps won't work. **4.** Stock up on canned goods and non-perishable foods that do not need refrigeration or cooking. Buy sizes that will supply enough for immediate consumption only. **5.** Clean airtight containers to store sufficient drinking and cooking water for several days. The potable water supply will probably be interrupted or contaminated. **6.** Have a sufficient supply of materials to protect glass openings and doors, shutters or lumber for protecting large windows and doors and masking tape for use on small windows. **7.** Check supplies of special medicines and drugs.

WHEN A HURRICANE IS EXPECTED WITHIN 24 HOURS

A hurricane warning is the action notice, the time to take all necessary precautions and begin evacuation if you are in such an area.

BEFORE YOU LEAVE.

Take what precautions you can to protect your house and property. Shut off the water and electricity at main stations. Shut off valve on propane gas tanks. Take pets inside and leave sufficient food and water for them if you cannot take them to your next stop—a shelter or what-have-you—which will not take pets. Lock windows



The Beach Club at Westhampton, before and after the Hurricane of '38.

and doors. Make certain there is a safe refuge to accommodate you.

IF YOU DECIDE TO STAY...PROTECT YOUR HOME.

On the **outside** of your home, you should: **1.** Secure loose objects. Bring inside planters, garbage cans, lawn furniture, garden tools, toys, etc. These objects can become destructive weapons when lifted and hurled through the air by hurricane winds. **2.** Take down TV antenna. Be careful, realizing that antennas mounted on poles may carry an electrical charge. Unplug television set from electrical outlet inside your house before you touch the antenna. **3.** Remove or lash awnings. Close metal or wooden awnings, take down canvas awnings, or roll them up and lash them with sturdy rope. **4.** Close shutters, cover windows with strong boards or tape them with large X's to reduce shattering. Danger to small windows is mainly from wind-driven debris. Larger windows may be broken by wind pressure. Draw drapes across windows and doors to protect against flying glass if shattering does occur. **5.** Cut dead tree limbs or remove limbs of trees which with strong winds may damage house or utility wires. **6.** Drain your swimming pool to approximately half-full. Do not drain completely. Remove electric pumps from underground pits after all valves have been closed and the electricity has been turned off. If filter pump is exposed, wrap it with a waterproof covering and tie it securely in place. Remove all loose items from the pool area. **7.** Fill your car's gas tanks; park it in your garage or in an open space away from trees, utility poles and gutters. Do not block road. Set the emergency brakes. **8.** Board up garage and porch doors. **9.** Move boats on trailers close to house. Fill boats with water to weight them down. Lash securely to trailer and use tie-downs to anchor trailer to the ground or house. After stripping off the accessories, let the air out of the trailer tires.

On the **inside** of your house: **1.** Wedge sliding glass doors to prevent their lifting from their tracks. **2.** Move valuables to upper floors or more protected areas. **3.** Pack fragile or breakable items of sentimental value in box and store at highest possible spot. **4.** Put irreplaceable documents in waterproof containers and store in protected spot. **5.** Move furniture away from exposed doors and windows. **6.** Sterilize bathtub and all available containers with bleach. Let dry and fill with several days supply of water for drinking and cooking. **7.** Turn up refrigerator and freezer to coldest setting. Open door only when necessary. **7.** Unplug television set before taking down outside antenna.

PROTECT YOURSELF.

During the hurricane, stay indoors. Don't go out to save something you forgot—a chair, a table or anything else. Let it go. The wind could knock you down. Falling trees could kill you, or you might be hit by a flying branch or electrocuted by a broken power line.

Do not seal the house completely. Open a window or door slightly on the side AWAY from the wind. Be quick to close it if the wind changes direction and open one on the other side. The suction created by the difference in atmospheric pressure inside and outside of your house can blow open a window or door.

Stay on the side of the house opposite the direction from which the wind is coming. If your home has an inside room, stay there during the height of the hurricane. As the wind direction changes, move to another room on the opposite side of the house. Stay away from windows and glass doors.

Do not go out during the brief calm that accompanies the "eye" as it passes overhead. The wind may cease for several minutes to half an hour and the sky may clear, but the hurricane is not over. You are in the center of it. The lull ends suddenly, as winds from the opposite direction rise rapidly to hurricane force often stronger than before.

Listen to the radio for information from official sources. Unexpected changes can sometimes call for last minute relocations.

Use phone only for emergencies. Conserve batteries if your supply is low. Do not use flashlights unnecessarily. Exercise extreme caution with candles and lanterns.

Remain calm. your ability to meet emergencies will help others. Stay inside until you receive "all clear" from official sources.

PROTECT YOUR BOAT.

Trailer boats should be removed from the water and stored.

Do not tie up parallel to bank or dock. Receding tides often beach or capsize boats in this type of anchorage.

If possible boats should anchor in groups with bow lines individually tied high to tree or piling on mainland with loose rope for rising tide, and the sterns well anchored. Boats in the group should also be tied together at bows and sterns using protective bumper or fenders between. Outside boats of the group should be trailed off from stern to protect entire anchored group should be trailed off from stern to protect entire anchored group from angling or extreme movement due to wind and current. Smaller boats in the center of this type of anchorage have been known to fill with water, but could not sink due to the cradle effect between other boats.

Safe anchor rigging should consist of new or good tie ropes with extra length and at least three substantial anchors for the craft.

Safe anchorage boats should be tied high, using a half hitch knot (loop knots slip). Rope lengths should be sufficient to take care of excessive high water, especially if you are between two mooring poles.

When your boat is moored, anchored and properly secured with double or triple lines LEAVE IT and DON'T RETURN once the winds and waves are up.

AFTER THE STORM.

Beware of outdoor hazards. Watch out for loose or dangling wire or wires lying in water and report them immediately to the proper authorities. Many lives are lost by electrocution.

Walk or drive cautiously. Debris-filled streets are dangerous. Washouts may weaken road and bridge structures which could collapse under vehicle weight. Do not drive unless you must.

Stay away from disaster areas unless you are qualified to render valuable emergency assistance. You may hamper first aid or rescue work.

Take extra precautions to prevent fires. Lowered water pressure in town lines, blocked roads and the interruption of other services will make firefighting extremely difficult after a hurricane.

Use caution re-entering your home. Check for gas leaks. If you have had heavy water damage, don't turn on lights or appliances until the electrical system has been checked for shorts.

Use your emergency water supply, or boil water before drinking until you are certain it has not been contaminated.

Guard against spoiled food. Food may spoil if refrigerator power is off more than a few hours. Freezers will keep food several days if doors are not opened after power failure, but do not refreeze food once it begins to thaw.

Make a list of damage to your property.

Notify your insurance representative of any losses and leave word where you can be contacted. Seek their advice in arranging repairs.

In conclusion, everyone on Long Island must realize that they live on a coastal area which is not immune to a major hurricane such as that which slammed into our area in 1938. We have far more people living here now than we did in 1938. We have thousands of homes on low lying areas adjoining such bodies as the Great South Bay no more than three or four feet above sea level. IT'S BEST TO BE PREPARED. This could be the year.

SNAPPERS!

by William Spinola

Of all the pan-fry fish, the snapper is one of the tastiest. Unfortunately, they are not easily hooked. More anglers would fish for these "midget blues" if they were not the number one bait stealers. Their run on our eastern seacoast is of short duration, their locale is unpredictable, and their feeding habits are erratic. They'll bite on any one tide, and on a wide assortment of bait. Then there are days when they won't bite at all.

Is catching this elusive, small fry—even if they are good eating—worth the bother? It's a matter of personal taste. One man spends hours in backbreaking toil, pumping in a huge tuna. At dockside, with a satisfied grin, he poses for a picture under the shadow of his giant fish. That's his "thing" and we respect his hobby. However, there are many (and they outnumber the deep-sea angler) who prefer to reel in a half-pound snapper, than horse in a half-ton tuna.

While luck plays a part in fishing, Lady Luck it is said, favors the ready mind. A slight improvement of an accepted procedure can, and has made the difference between a full pail and an empty one.

Let me take you back to a day when I got a few "tips" on how to catch these tough, little scrappers.

On that day, the snappers were biting, but not many were being caught. The fishermen were shoulder to shoulder. As I walked the length of a long pier, I peeked into the pails of the pre-occupied anglers. And pre-occupied they were, for snapper fishing requires attention and alertness. When I found an opportunity, I squeezed in next to the fisherman with the fullest pail.

Floats of all shapes and sizes dotted the water. My neighbor kept on hooking most of the fish. The floats, including mine, were jerked down often enough, but every time I reeled in my line, the bait was either missing or cut in half. I tried hooking my spearing (a favorite bait) through the head. In no time at all, the whole body except the head was chopped off. I tried hooking it through the tail, and this time only the tail was left on the hook. The only place left was the center, with the result that either the front half of the back half was surgically severed, right up to the hook!

In the meanwhile, my neighbor, with a rare exception was reeling them in, one after another. Frustrated, I politely asked him what kind of a hook he was using. He mentioned a make and size similar to mine. Still I kept losing my bait. My neighbor (who happened to be a nice guy) noticed my disappointment and offered to give me a tip or two on how to hook these slippery, miniature cannibals. He started by describing his equipment.

"I use a seven foot, flexible glass rod with an Alcedo Micron filled with six pound monofilament. A round, one-and-a-half inch float is easy to see and sensitive to a light touch. I pinch a split shot a foot above the bait to keep it from floating. I use #6 Mustad hooks.

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"To bait up, take the end (fixed) hook and push it through the sprearing just behind the gills. Now take the free (moving) hook and insert it near the tail. The hooks, facing front and back, should form a small pyramid in the center of the bait. This presents the spearing in a natural, horizontal position. When the spearing is longer than four inches, I pinch off the tail and head, leaving as much of the gills exposed as possible. The height of the float is a matter of trial and error. Keep the bait moving at an uneven rate of speed.

"Do not, at the least sign of a 'touch" yank your line as if you were hooking a hefty striper. That is a sure way of jerking the bait out of the snapper's mouth. When your float is pulled down or moves sideways, let out a little line, and with a few irregular jerks, slowly reel in your line. When you feel a strong pull, then and only then, set your hook.

"You may use a longer or a shorter rod, weaker or stronger monofilament, larger or smaller floats, larger or smaller hooks, but whatever you do, don't forget to form a small pyramid with two hooks."

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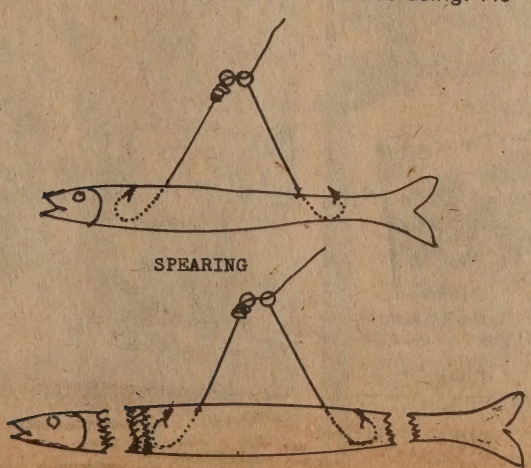

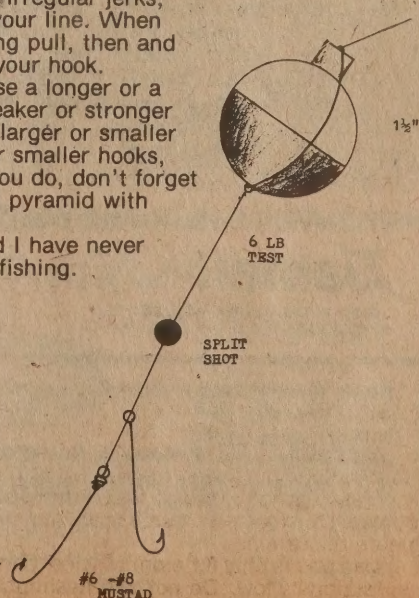

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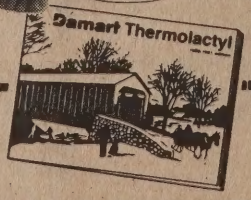

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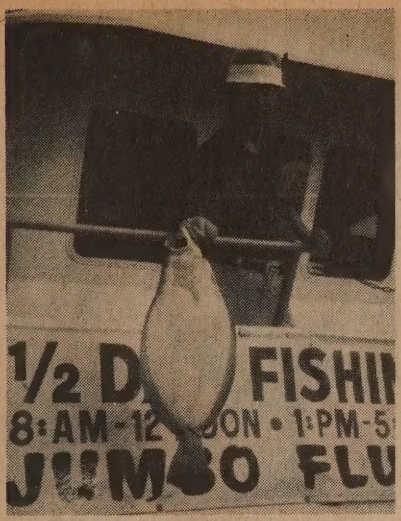
Capt. Paul Sundberg of the charter boat **Big Blue** tells us that Tuesday's trip for John Wellman and friend Mike out to the Fishtails bagged a 60 lb. mako, 5 true albacore and 3 yellowfin tuna in the 40 to 70 lb. range. The yellowfins were taken 50 miles off the beach and the albacore 60 miles off the beach.

Charter boat **Adios** skipper, Capt. Phil Lewis called to say that 2 women chartered the boat Monday, tagging and releasing 25 female blue shark. Tuesday's trip for Bob Gonzales had a 150 lb. mako along with several brown and blue sharks. The inshore fishing is still very good with plenty of weaks and blues available.

Capt. Harris of the charter boat **Snap Shot V** reports that Thursday's charter for Dan Bracciodeta owner of Penrods Disco, East Meadow, with Rich Kaye on the rod, bagged a 97 lb. mako working south of Block Island in 180' of water. Sunday's charter for John Morrongiello and friends of Bensenhurst, Brooklyn, umbrellaed up a load of blues in the 5 to 6 lb. range and bontio fishing off the Point.

Capt. Frank of the charter boat **Free Spirit** reports good fishing at the Dumping Grounds, where he had plenty of blue shark and one mako this week. Inshore action with weaks and blues has been strong from Can 3 to the south side. Good catches were also made on fluke off Colodon Shores. Due to last minute cancellation the boat has this Saturday open. See ad for phone number.

These fine makos were landed by Jeffrey Sayres of Marth's Vineyard aboard the Montauk charter boat "Adios."



This 14 lb. 2 oz. doormat fluke was taken on a ¾ day trip aboard the "Viking Star" by Charles Kim.

The **Marlin Fleet** called to say that the **Marlin IV** will start porgy fishing Saturday. Porgies from mediums to jumbos are now off the Lighthouse and at Shagwong. Capt. Richie Rade says that his night bluefish trips are an absolute slaughter with catches of anywhere from 300 to 500 gorillas a night averaging 15 to 25 fish a man. Blues are running 12 to 15 lbs. with a few 18 pounders thrown in. The boat is using herring as hook bait. The **Marlin V** which is running 2 half-day fluke trips, has been doing very nicely and the skipper says that an 8½ pounder grabbed the pool Thursday. The boat is fishing in the rips and keepers are averaging 2 to 3½ lbs. On decent trips, fares are averaging 4 to 5 keepers per.

Capt. Bud Dorman of the **Viking Skipper II** reports that all of HIS customers this past week went home smiling. They had plenty of porgies from ¾ to 2 lbs., with sizes depending on where you fished. This weekend for the most part catches ran from 25 to 70 porgies a man with high hook for the week 81 porgies. High hook during the week with less boat traffic was 128 porgies.

Capt. Gary Kieffer of the charter boat **Barracuda** reports that Sunday's charter from the Island Park Recreational Group had over 50 keeper fluke. Frank Cramer took the pool with a 3½ lb. fluke. John Marino had 10 fish.

West Lake Fishing Lodge reports that the Shiloh had 20 weaks and 16 blues with Capt. Tom Spica at the helm. Capt. Art Mundy's Darius II bagged 177 lb. brown shark. Capt. Whitey Bateman fishing Joe Nesto and friends boated 40 weaks and 10 blues. Capt. Fred Fargo on his boat Clean Sweep did a good job on blues and weaks with 14 blues and 12 weaks up to 10 lbs. for Jim Pray and family from Rockland County. Nat Segal and son John on the boat Fantastic had 3 brown shark of 165 lbs., 165 lbs., and

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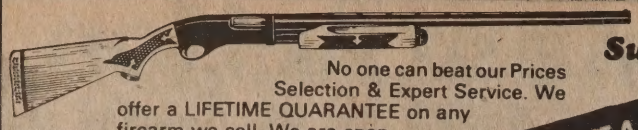

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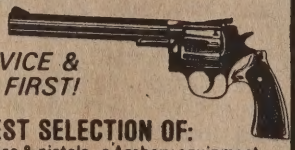

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100 lbs. out beyond the Butterfish Hole. The Lodge reports that all of the captains have plenty of open dates. See Westlake's ad for phone number.

Henry Colombi of the **Star Island Yacht Club** is pleased to report that Star Island took first place in the first annual Montauk Challenge Cup Tournament. Biggest white marlin in the contest was taken by Charlie Etzel aboard the boat Canyon Runner. The fish weighed 77 lbs. On Saturday, the same boat hooked up with a total of 11 marlin and managed to hold on to two of the fish. The boat For Pete's Sake, which flies the burgee of the Babylon

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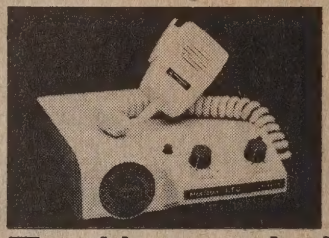

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Tuna Club managed to hook four marlin at once. Unfortunately, none of the fish held. In the inshore segment of the tournament, weaks, blues and fluke all cooperated for the competing boats. In general, Henry reported the inshore fishing good with fluke to 9 lbs. and a lot of weaks for trollers, jiggers and casters on the north side of the Point. Highlight of the week was the 355 lb. blue marlin taken aboard Captain John Keller's **Bronco**.

Barbara Wolfe called last week to report a blue marlin of 351 lbs. taken by her husband Chester aboard their boat Sea Wolfe. Both anglers are members of the Montauk Deep Sea Club and in addition to the blue marlin, boated two spearfish and a white marlin. Chester spent nearly four hours on the big blue after the fish belted a trolled artificial in the Canyon.

Andrew Kittren with a 52 lb. striper taken on a diamond jig at Great Eastern in late July. Photo courtesy of "Cone Fishing Marina."

Capt. Paul Forsberg of the **Viking Fleet** reports that two friends on one of the cod trips to Coxes Ledge had 55 cod between them. These friends were Walter Hertlonger of Middle Village and 14 yr. old John Gibson of Huntington Station. It's obvious that the cod fishing has been quite good. The night blues have been super and the half-day fluking consists of all big fish. Porgies are good at the Point and at Gardiner's. The charter boats are doing good on green bonito and plenty of weaks. J&H Holden Co. had a charter Sunday and had 5 white marlin.

Capt. Joe McBride of the charter boat **My Mate** called to report excellent bluefishing at the Sub buoy plus smaller blues and weaks at the Point. Offshore fishing and shark action has been slow though the skipper landed a small mako and a few brown shark during this past week.

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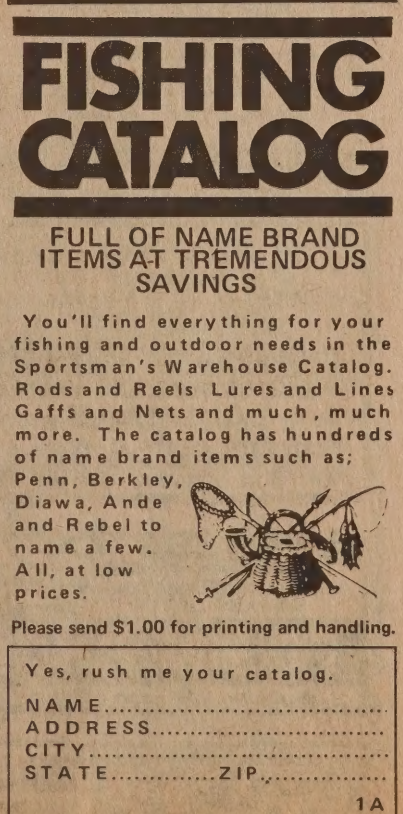
Thom at **Speck's Bait and Tackle** told me that boatmen have been making some nice fluke catches east and west of Gardiner's Island. Best action has been on the ebb tide, with sand eel and squid combos being the preferred baits. On Saturday, Rick Nydegger, Al Fischlien and Bill Kiebes fished the Gardiner's Island grounds and checked in with 20 fluke from 2½ to 4 lbs. As for Shinnecock Bay, Thom described the fluking as steady, the fish running from shorts up to 3 or 4 lbs. Best fishing has been in East Channel. Snappers are all over the place.

From **Altenkirch's Tackle Shop** Hank said that from Tuesday through Thursday offshore anglers enjoyed some super action with white marlin. Fish were encountered from 120' of water all the way out to the Canyon. Joe Ferraro, skipper of the Avanti, was one of those who scored with the whites. Mike Polina of the Jusrite found a white over the weekend in 165' of water. A small mako was checked in by the crew aboard the Compromise. Quite a few football size tuna south of the inlet in 110' of water this past week. Bluefishing slowed in recent days and both fluke and flounder fishing in the bay remains fair. Peconic porgies have been okay and there are plenty of snappers throughout the area.

HAMPTON BAYS

The following are the results in the Crazy Aces First Annual Mako Tournament. Angler Jim Farrell aboard Capt. Gary Zarfjian's Diamond II, caught a 119 lb. mako getting him the first prize of an 80 lb. custom rod and two 50 lb. rigs with Internationals. They also received an award for gross weight, 3 makos for a total of 195½ lbs. Second Prize was by Brian Schrage with a 98¼ lb. mako caught on Capt. Bill Stiehm's Blue Fin. Awarded was two 50 lb. rigs with Internationals. Third Prize was taken by Charles Casella with a 92½ lb. mako aboard Capt. Charles Casella's Lorraine IJ. Award was two custom wire line rods. Fourth place was an 87¼ pounder aboard the Silver Fox, Fifth with a 64½ pounder aboard the Dandriff, Sixth with a 63¼ pounder aboard the Aquarius, Seventh with a 53¼ pounder aboard the Green Eyed Lady, and Eight place was a misfortune prize to the Bahama Mama who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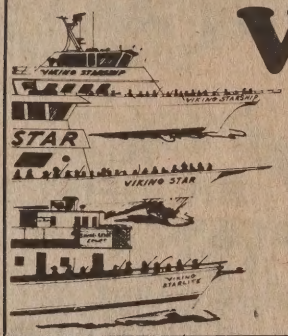

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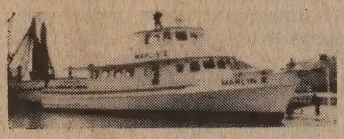

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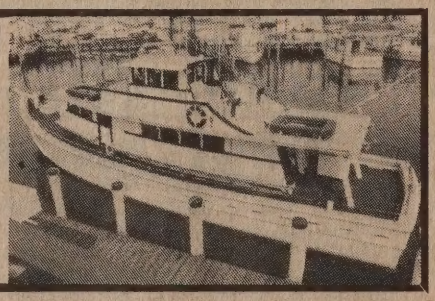

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backed their boat into the shark and mutilated it. It weighed 163 lbs. after the accident. Also a free mount went to Tom Williams aboard Capt. Bill William's My III Sons for the smallest mako of 11 lbs.

This outstanding catch of flounder was made by Dom Russo, Tony Gregory and James De Gregorio back in June at buoy 39 in Moriches Bay. Photo Courtesy of "Skidmore's Fishing Station."

MORICHES BAY

Bill at **East Moriches Bait and Tackle** spoke of good fluking at buoys 41 and 42 on sand eels, spearing, killies and squid. Incoming tide has produced the best action. Bill figured that 10-15 keepers per boat has been about average. Still quite a few shorts mixed in, although most of the smaller fish seem to be taken on the ebb tide. Biggest fluke of the week was a shade over 8 lbs. and was landed by John DeLuca at buoy 41. Still blues outside the inlet in 60' to 80' of water for umbrella rigged trollers. Snappers all over the bay and crabbing in the area has been good. Bill asked us to remind shark fans that the Great Gun Anglers Shark Tournament is scheduled for this Saturday, August 16. You can contact Bill at his shop for information or registration which will remain open until Friday evening. The Tournament guarantees $4,000 in prize money, $2500 of which goes to the largest shark in the contest.

Al at the **Hi-Way Fishing Station** reported plenty of flounder still being taken at buoy 36. Fluking has been good with the new cut producing good scores on sand eel and squid combos. On Sunday, John DeBona, Chuck Neapolitano and Jim Vilano and his brother Dave returned with 13 good size flatfish up to 4 lbs. One of the private boats that berths at the station had a 7 lb. fluke along with a couple in the 6 lb. class on Saturday.

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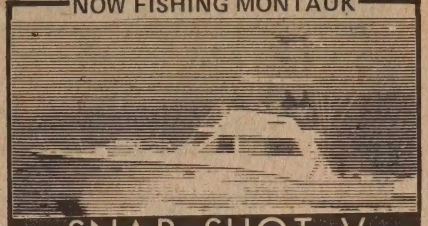
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Stiritz Fishing Station says that the crabbing is fantastic as usual. Fred Chool boated 145 blueclaw crabs on rings and in traps at buoy 15. Lots of weaks this week from 3 to 6 lbs. with the hole at buoy 17 best with squid fished on the bottom on both tides. Sea bass have been making a good showing off Floyd Point on clam and squid. Richie Collette bagged 25 sea bass up to 1½ lbs. on both tides. There are scattered blowfish and porgies at the bridge on worm and clam. Lots of snappers all the way up to 1½ lbs. on all kinds of surface lures and small tins at buoy 21.

Frank Cambell and Gary Grimes with a mess of harbor blues caught near buoy 17 on Capt. Bill's bluefish rig. Photo courtesy of Stiriz' Fishing Station.

SAYVILLE

Bob Lee of **Young's Fishing Station** reported good weakfishing in the early morning hours in mid-bay from Blue Point to Heckscher. Small blues are mixed with the weaks and both are being taken on squid strips fished on the bottom. Bob called the fluking in the area worthwhile. On Friday, Al Morgan, Frank Prucha and Jack Miller totalled 25 weaks up to 4 lbs. on squid strips. Joseph Reina averaged 15 to 20 nice blueclaws a day in the river. Plenty of snappers throughout the area.

WEST SAYVILLE

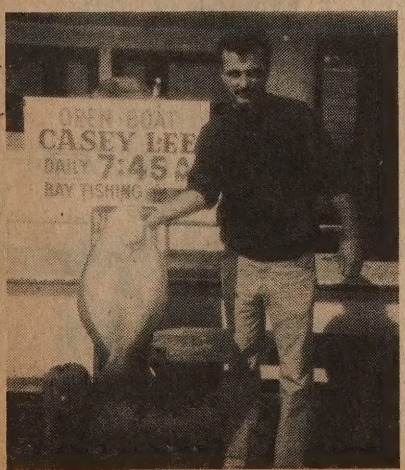
Jim at **South Bay Fishing Station** reported lots of 3-5 lb. weaks from buoy 29 to the Blue Point East line in 10' to 12' of water at midbay. Squid strips fished tight to the bottom have been accounting for the best scores. Small blues are mixed with the

A mixed bag of blues and fluke taken off of Heckscher Park by Darleen Gardner. Photo courtesy of "Young's Fishing Station."

weaks.A few fluke are around, according to Jim and crabs and snappers have been all over the place, with both being worthwhile in size. On Sunday, Kim Young and Larry Gentilini were back at the station by 11AM with 30 weaks.

BAY SHORE

Capt. Neil of the **Casey Lee** happily tells us that the fluke catches are the best in years. They've been excellent everyday all week with fish mostly good size from 2 to 3 lbs. The boat is fishing West Channel, Sexton Island and off the Lighthouse on killies, sandeels, spearing and squid. Best has been last of the flood and the first of the ebb. High hooks most days are in the 15 to 20 keeper range with fish averaging 6 to 8 keepers a man.



Joe Prozor with a 5 lb. fluke taken aboard the Bay Shore open boat "Casey Lee."

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Capt. Dan of the **Capt. Joseph Fleet** reports that fluking has been excellent on all of his trips. Capt. Larry Marshall who has been running the 4 p.m. trips says that they have also been productive. Capt. Jimmy Reynolds who has been running the night bluefish boat for the **Joseph Fleet** says that Saturday night was picky on blues but Sunday night's trip due to the return of warm water saw the catch pick up again greatly, all on bait.

Charter boat **Lady Ann** reports the fluking has been excellent from the Bridge to West Island on killies, sandeels, spearing and squid. Lots of 2 to 3 pounders with best action on 2 hours of either side of the high best. Average catches are running 5 to 7 fish a man. Bluefish charters are taking fish at Patchogue with excellent results this week. Friday night's charter had nearly 150 blues from 10 to 15 lbs. on bait, with smelts working best. Jig fishing during the day has been a slaugher all week. Sunday a

Shawn Ohea landed this nice fluke aboard the Captree charterboat "Leo D."

small group had 50 blues, all in the 12 to 14 lb. range.

Charter boat **Flying Dutchman** called to say that Saturday's trip for Lawrence Boseman and group from Moonan, Astley, Pearce and Co., NYC, had very good fluking in the bay. 27 people had 87 keeper fluke on sandeel/squid combos. Very few midgets. Fish were mostly 2½ to 3 pounders. They drifted between the Yellowbar and the Coast Guard Station on the flood and also drifted the South Beach. There has been a definite upswing of fluke in the past two weeks, says the skipper.

Capt. Ron of the **Yankee III** tells us that Friday's fluking was excellent with 39 fares averaging 5 keepers per man fishing all around the high. It was necessary to find the grass free pieces of bottom. Saturday's charter had picky bluefishing while Sunday's bluefish charter to the Patchogue area

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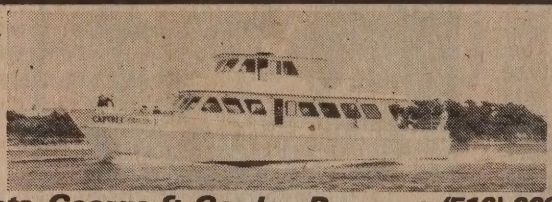

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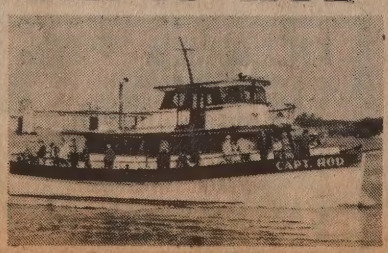

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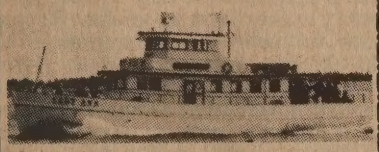

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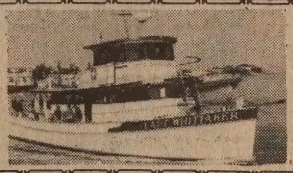

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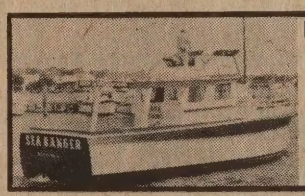

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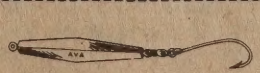

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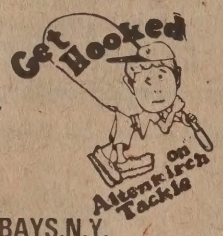

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saw a solid catch of 115 blues all in the 14 lb. class jigged just 5 miles off the beach. Two weeks ago diver Bob Gaich dove around the Sore Thumb and says that the place is loaded with flounder and big blackfish, all within casting distance of the rocks.

The open boat **Capt. Gillen** reported a fair day with the fluke on Sunday, but very good fishing all during the week. "Excellent compared to past years" according to Captain Jim. Fluking has been very consistent with a large body of fish in the bay. Best action has been from the bridge to Crazy Charlie on killies and fluke belly. Most of the fish are keepers but there are still a few shorts mixed in.

Captain Charlie Kennedy of the **Capt. Bob Joseph** reported super bluefishing on the Patchogue Grounds Friday. Forty fares took over 500 of the choppers with half of the catch being in the 10-14 lb. range. Fishing took a downturn on Saturday, with 90-100 blues taken by the fares aboard. Fishing was back in stride again on Sunday, particularly in the morning when good numbers of 6-10 lb. fish came aboard. The skipper said that night fishing has been a little erratic, with super fishing one night and slow fishing the next. Day fishing was very good all week with the only exception being Saturday.

Captain Speedy Hubert of the **Speedy VI** said the bluefishing at Patchogue has been very good all week, with the only slow action coming on Saturday. Fish run anywhere from 6-15 lbs. with jigs taking fish in the daytime and both bait and jigs being effective at night. Speedy called the night fishing hot and cold, unlike the day fishing which has been very consistent. Fishing is being done in water depths ranging from 85' to 100'. The **Speedy VII** has been enjoying some excellent fluking from the Lighthouse to the inlet. Most of the fish are a nice size with a few 4-5

This 116 lb. broadbill was brought to gaff by Danny Mongo aboard the Babylon Tuna Club boat Blue Water. The prize was taken on a recent canyon trip. Photo courtesy of "Augie's Bait and Tackle."

lb. flatties taken each week. Killies, spearing and sand eels have all been producing fish, with the best action being on the flood tide.

BABYLON

Dennis of the **Hi Hook Fishing Station** said that rentals have been taking up to 25 fluke per boat on squid and sand eel combos from the bridge to the Lighthouse. Small blues and weaks being taken in the bay along with a couple of blackfish. Tom Zemmi livened things up at the station on Sunday when he returned with a 118 lb. mako shark taken in 130' of water, 140° out of Fire Island Inlet. Water temp in the area was 68°.

Margaret of **Charlie's Fishing Station** reported good fluking in the State Channel and in the inlet from the bridge to the Light. Jim Carolan, Charlie Steppe had a fair catch of fluke and blues near the inlet one day last week. Over the weekend, Mr. Richi and friends returned with a good catch of fluke from the State Channel. Fish were taken on squid and sand eels. Some small weaks being taken in the bay on squid strips.

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FLUKE

SEAFORD

John of **Pop's Fishing Station** reported very good fluke fishing and crabbing in the area this past week. Reuben Melzig had a catch of 50 fluke which he made on killies in an undisclosed location. Thirty-nine of the flatfish were keepers. The Ericson brothers returned to the station with 12 good sized fluke over the weekend. They fished at Four Corners using killie and squid combos. As for the crabbing, John spoke of Mello Porcelli who has been continually making large hauls of blueclaws on the local flats with nothing more than a scoop net. Some of the crabs stretched 5'' to 6'' across the shell.

Capt. Eddie's Fishing Station reports that there are still a lot of fluke being caught with a solid percentage of keepers. Keepers are averaging up to 18 per rental skiff. Best producing spots have been Great Island Channel and the areas of the 2nd and 3rd Wantagh Bridges. One skiff returned with 9 weaks taken on live snappers at the Black Banks Saturday afternoon. Snappers and blueclaw crabs in the canal. Fluke of 5½ and 6½ lbs. have been taken this weekend on sandeel/killie combos and on squid/sandeel combos, both

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Sal at **Custom Tackle** called to say that Michael Guglielmi and pals had 28 blues up to 17½ lbs. fishing on Captree's **Speedy VI**. Mike took the pool with the 17½ pounder fishing with an S&G jig tail off Patchogue. On Saturday Pete Venerdi and 12 yr. old Brian Coke and brother Douglas trolled 9 bluefish up to 10 lbs. fishing a short way out of Jone's Inlet. On Sunday Pete and Artie Banderlofske had blues fishing south of Patchogue, jigging 23 choppers up to 16 lbs. in 2 hours fishing out of their own boat. Joe Agrillo reports that some tiger shark have been taken 30 miles due south of Jone's Inlet. Lisa and Duane ages 7 and 3 respectively, first timer fishermen while snapper fishing got 2 big conger eels.

Lon Wanser Bait and Tackle reported fair fluke fishing with the best scores being made at Goose Creek, West Island, Florence Beach and Squaw Island. Sand eels seem to be working best on the fluke. Two to three lb. blues roaming the channel from the 3rd bridge to the Meadowbrook. Boatmen working near the inlet jetty have had a steady pick of the small blues. Loads of snappers around, but crabbing remains a little on the slow side. A good showing of Spanish mackerel north of the Cholera in recent days. These southern visitors have been gobbling up feather jigs meant for tuna and blues. Weaks to 6 lbs. at the 3rd bridge and the entrance to Zachs Bay on sand worms after dark.

BELLMORE

The Singing Dog at **Merrick Tackle**

North Bellmore anglerette Janet Todrick and her 5 lb. 6 oz. fluke caught in the State Channel on a sandeel/squid combo. Photo courtesy of "Nick's Fishing Station" in Merrick.

reports blues are being trolled and jigged in 85' of water south of the Inlet. Fluke seem to be a 50-50 keeper ratio now. A 4¾ pounder was weighed in from Swift Creek this week. Plenty of small snappers around.

MERRICK

Jimmy at **Nick's Fishing Station** reports that the fluking has been good in Rowboat Alley and Broad Creek. There are lots of snappers around and savvy anglers are catching these and using them as hook bait for fluke. The larger fluke have a weakness for these snappers. Al Brody and son from Merrick had a nice catch of fluke this past week fishing in the local creeks.

BALDWIN

Andy at **Arthur Street Fishing Station** says that the crabbing is excellent and that two boats loaded up with traps working the Middle Bay marshes. Fluking was good this week in Reynold's Channel near the HS on killie/squid combos. Snappers have increased and are hitting small spearing under a bobber. Small blues off the Pink Hotel in 40' of water with some big weakfish mixed in.

WEST END
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The Hudson Anglers Shark Tournament run this past weekend out of Freeport was settled by a 300 lb. mako taken by Artie Kazak. The big shark was found in 110' of water, 160° southeast of Jones Inlet. Augie Fontana and Jim DeMaria, skipper of the Ruth, rounded out the crew.

Capt. Richie Kessinger of the **Starstream II** reports consistently good bluefishing, with the boat working to the east jigging fish on the daytime trips on a steady basis up to 17 lbs. The night trips have been fair to good to very good, but right now the day trips are a little better and are "Consistently consistent".

The half-day fluke boat **Capt. Bill** reports that Tuesday saw very good catch of fluke, with numbers somewhere around 20 keepers per drift, including several 4 to 5 pounders on various other days of the week and weekend the pick was tougher due to unfavorable drifting conditions and a lot of grass.

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Levittown angler Glen Tortorella had 25 blues all by himself. The score for Don Jones on the same day was 23 choppers. Al said that the bluefishing was just great anywhere from Long Branch through Ambrose. Put out your line and you got a fish said the skipper. Sunday's catch had to go over 1000 fish in the 5 to 8 lb. range, he said. The other days of the week and the night trips are also producing very well, jigs during the day and bait at night. Al says that on Sunday most of the **Freeport Boatmen Association** charter boats were in that same area and everyone was bailing fish.

The **Bluefin Fleet** reports brisk bluefishing all week long. Capt. Sy on the **BF III** Friday had blues up to 16 lbs. fishing SE of Jone's. Friday and Saturday night Capts. Ed Geyer and Charlie Adams on the **BF II and III** fished night blues various distances out of the Inlet and came back with a solid catch. Charlie had the **BF II** on Sunday and fishing SE of the Inlet had a load of blues on jigs. Capt. Sy had the **BF III** out Sunday to Hudson Canyon with a very successful trip for a bird watching group. Besides birds they also sighted and photographed whales, sunfish, bonito, tuna and shark. The skipper says he still has a few open spots for his August 21st offshore cod wreck trip. If interested, call quickly. See ad for number.

Capt. Dan of the charter boat **Nan Sea** had a charter Sunday for Ronny, Vinnie, Louis and Jake Spinelli and Gary Bolger and Frank Balzano all of the Inwood Fire Dept. They zeroed out in shark in 150' of water, 150 degrees out of Jone's, but they did make their mark with a 91 lb. bluein tuna taken on a mackerel which was intended for a shark. Dan says that there is lots of life out their, that he saw lots of skippies, school tuna and bait being pushed.

Capt. Mike Miller of the charter boat **Apus** reports excellent bluefishing SW of Jone's with 30 to 120 fish per trip being caught. On Friday's

Connoley group from Massapequa, had excellent bluefishing SE of the NB. They had a 2 hour slaughter on blues from 3 to 9 lbs. on smelts and bunker chum. Catch avearaged 6 to 10 blues a man. They also had a 35 lb. brown shark which was released. Sunday's charter for the Tony Rutigliano group had a slow pick on fluke in the Inlet. They also fished between buys 16 and 20 in Reynold's Channel where there was a lot of action and a 25 percent keeper rate on fluke. They also had 6 sea bass and few small blues.

ISLAND PARK

Charlie at **Beckman's Tackle Shop** said that fluking has been pretty good for some and poor for others. Most of the best scores are being made in Reynolds Channel and Debs Inlet on spearing and squid combos. Small blues, 1-3 lbs. all over the bay and plenty of bigger blues outside the inlet for umbrella rig trollers. Charlie's custom made "Tiger Tail" jigs have been doing a job on weakfish to the west. Offshore, a lot of sharks and non-biting tuna from 90' of water on out.

ATLANTIC BEACH

Al, new proprietor of **Reynolds's Reef Fishing Station**, formerly Henning's Fishing Station reported good action with fluke and small blues in the channel on squid, spearing and killies. On Saturday, Jerry Schifer took a 9¾ lb. fluke on a live snapper near the Atlantic Beach Bridge. Plenty of blues in 40' of water for umbrella rig trollers. Captain Ronnie Lepper's **Kim** has been doing a job on the blues, weaks and Spanish mackerel trolling umbrella rigs down off of Seabright.

Capt. Ron Lepper of the charter boat **Kim** says that he couldn't be doing better if he tried with catches of blues and weaks with a few spanish mackerel thrown in. He's getting the larger fish around the NB buoy. Ronnie tells of a 80 lb. tarpon taken on cut bait off Monmouth Beach this past week after a 1 hr. plus battle aboard the Jersey charter boat Janet C.

300 pounds of big blues and weaks taken on S&G umbrellas aboard the "Kim." Anglers are Mike Sullivan, Ben Vani, Harry McClain and Greg Robbins.

In the Atlantic Beach Rod and Gun Club Tournament out in Hudson Canyon the boat Jay Jeffrey York scored with a 90 lb. swordfish. Joel Tropp had a 33 lb. sword. Jay York, age 14, took an 88½ lb. bigeye tuna. That was the 2nd week in a row that the boat brought in a sword, the previous weeks fish being a 74 pounder.

JAMAICA BAY

Artie at **Cross Bay Bait and Tackle** said that anglers continue to take good numbers of small porgies, snappers and fluke from the local bridges. Robert Hagel clicked with a 5¾ lb. fluke one day last week from beneath the Marine Parkway Bridge. On Sunday, Walter Steinnetz scored with a 5.2 lb. doormat on a sand eel and squid combo.

Cy at **Canarsie Sports and Tackle** says that lots of snappers of mixed sizes along with some fluke have been caught off the Canarsie Pier this week. One fluke hit 22". Some sand sharks are being taken at night off the pier. Some porgies are being caught on worm around the Marine Parkway Bridge.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Captain Tom on the **Pilot II** reported a tough day on Saturday because of weather conditions. On Sunday, the boat enjoyed both super

Vito Bartucci with a giant lobster taken during a dive on the Iberia Wreck. Photo courtesy of "Skippy's Bait and Tackle."

weather and fishing. Sea bass to 3 lbs. and blackfish from 1-4 lbs. were taken at Seabright. Most good fishermen taking a five gallon pail. The blackfish hit fiddlers while sea bass were taken on squid. An 8 lb. 1 oz. fluke was also landed on Sunday.

The **Dorothy B** had good fluke fishing on Saturday fishing local

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trip Joe Molan bagged a 70 lb. mako and tagged 3 brown shark. A mako estimated at 250 lbs. hung around the boat for 20 minutes but could not be baited. On Saturday Mike returned to the same area and had 4 brown shark, which were tagged. John Wellman bagged a 60 lb. mako. This was the 9th mako for the **Apus** this season. Last week Mike went out with friend Paul Sundberg of the **Big Blue** out of Montauk. They spent 2 days at Block Island Canyon. Paul put them on swordfish but the swords spit the hook. They trolled albacore up to 60 lbs. and 3 yellowfin tuna up to 70 lbs. They also took a small mako of about 75 lbs.

The **Freeport Boatmen's Association** reports that Capt. Bill Sullivan on the **Capt. Joe** and also the **Norseman** and many of the other Association charter boats fished SW of Jone's Sunday and had a great catch of 7 to 9 lb. bluefish on diamond jigs.

The **Capt. Derby** which sails from Otto's Restaurant on Woodcleft Canal is running moonlight cruises nightly For a crack at some of this cool evening relaxation, give the skipper a buzz. See ad for number.

Tony of **Anthony's Fishing Station** spoke of good weakfishing after dark in the State Channel at the Wantagh and Meadowbrook Bridges. Tony Gullo and Ray Avdale totalled 24 weaks and six blues on a recent trip to the Meadowbrook. Both bucktails and sand worms have been scoring. While most of the weaks average around 5 lbs., fish to 9 lbs. are mixed in. Tony called the fluking picky, lots of small blues roaming the bay and some small sea bass at the bridges. Lots of snappers around and some crabs. Those who put in the time do well with the blueclaws.

Lou's Fishing Station reported that the local bluefish fleet did very well on Saturday fishing down around Scotland Light. On Sunday, a good body of fish were found at the Shrewsbury Grounds. Fair fluke fishing in the area on sand eels, killie and squid. The charter boat **Nan-Sea** returned over the weekend with a 91 lb. bluefin tuna which was taken out of a chum slick meant for sharks. Ron Spinelli was the angler. The skipper fished 150° from the inlet in 150' of water.

Thomas Colon, Patrick Hanley, Ed Hanley, Joe Cassetti and Lou Colon with blues and a cero mackerel trolled in 70' of water out of Jone's Inlet on mono and surgical tubes. Subscriber club photo.

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POINT LOOKOUT

From **Ed's Fishing Station,** Ace reported an improvement in the fluking this week, with more keepers in the catches. Over the weekend, Morton Mendelsohn took a 7½ lb. doormat fluke out of Swift Creek. The Reise family, Kurt, Dianne, Shawn and Ginger returned with 6 fluke and 12 blues which they took on the local flats. Both killies and sand eels have been effective on the fluke.

Capt. Dennis of the **Marie III** reports that Wednesday's charter for half-day fluke had a fair day working between buoys 3 and 4 in the Inlet and from the Bridge to buoy 16 in Reynold's Channel. Best was on incoming on squid and sandeels with a 25 percent keeper rate. Thursday's charter for Warren Vaas and party from Entenman's Bakery in Bay Shore, fished between Sea Bright and Long Branch, both trolling and jigging with green bananas. They had blues from 4 to 6 lbs. and results were best during the first half of the trip. Saturday night's charter for the Jim

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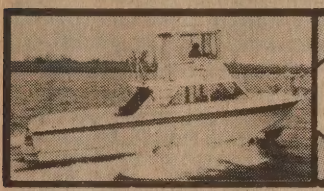

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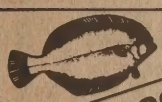

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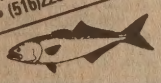

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channels and the Tin Can Grounds. Average fish taken was around 2 lbs. on sand eels and spearing. For all those who like to do a little night fishing, the **Dorothy B** is sailing at 5PM on Friday and Saturday nights for weaks and blues.

From **Mike's Bait and Tackle**, Charlie reported very good bluefishing for the open boat fleet, but most skippers have been running to Patchogue to get in on the action. Fluke fishing has been okay, but Charlie emphasized tht there is more quality than quantity to the local fluke population. He called the weakfishing spotty in recent days, as the hot fishing at the Tin Can Grounds seemed to cool off.

STATEN ISLAND

Lenny at **Santo's Sport Shop** said that the fantastic weak, blue and fluke action of last week continued in the same area, stretching from the Great Kills Harbor bug light to Old Orchard light and from buoys 12 to 20 in the Princess Bay Channel. Weaks to 12 lbs. trolled on chunk bait and weakfish from 3-10 lbs. being taken on worms and the same bunker chunks being used for the choppers. Plenty of snappers and sand porgies all over the area.

GREENPORT

Capt. George Porter of the **Brand X** called to say it's been a porty slaughter and getting better all the time, with fewer drops being made each day therefore allowing more fishing time. Saturday's catch was very good and Sunday wasan absolute leap job with mostly large porgies, so many they couldn't count them all said George. Mixed in were some blackfish, fluke and weaks.

Charter boat **Blue Albatross** participated in a benefit for Eastern Long Island Hospital on Saturday. The boat ran sightseeing tours around Greenport and Southold and donated receipts to the hospital. On Sunday, a charter for Joe Jernick and friends produced a fine catch of fluke in the 2-4 lb. class at the Gardiner Island ruins on sand eels and squid.

Capt. Bob Ciglowski of the **Peconic Star** tells us that fishing was very good Friday and Saturday for porgies. High hook Sunday was Bruce Dolywe of Oak Ridge NJ with 91 porgies. On Saturday regular Ed Hagner had 83 porgies. Sunday was a dynamite day

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on this porgy boat with somewhere between 800 and 1000 fish bouncing on the deck. Sunday was the 3rd day in a row of super porgy fishing.

SOUTHOLD

Richie at **Port of Egypt Fishing Station** tells of very good catches of porgies at buoy 16 at South Ferry, also at Middle Grounds and Cedar Point. These are mixed fish up to 1¾ lbs. One skiff fished Jessups on incoming tide during the week and came back with 30 weakfish in the 2 to 4 lb. range fishing squid and sand worms on a high/lo rig. These catches were on both moving tides. Porgies and blacks at the Orient Station out about 100 to 200 yards off the dock and also at Mulford Point. There were also some sea bass and fluke mixed in with these catches.

NEW SUFFOLK

Phil at **Capt. Marty's Fishing Station** says the weakfishing has been excellent off Roses Grove with 1½ to 3½ lb. fish being taken on hi/lo rigs with squid as hook bait, both tides working. John Heckerman fishing by himself on Saturday had 37 weaks in a rental skiff. Good porgy catches west of Robins Island at buoy 4 and also in the South Race with South Race fish largest. This has been on worm and clam. Fish are avearaging 1 lb. and ranging up to 2 lbs. on both tides. A few kings at Nassau Point and Roses Grove. Some small snappers around on small tins and small spearing.

SAG HARBOR

Capt. Artie Latch on the **Wilhelric** reports fabulous fishing with loads of porgies being caught on all trips. He is working various spots and most drops are a bail job. On Monday Roy Eierhardt of Jamaica was high hook with 76 porgies. Thursday P. Carmichael of NY was in the high 60s

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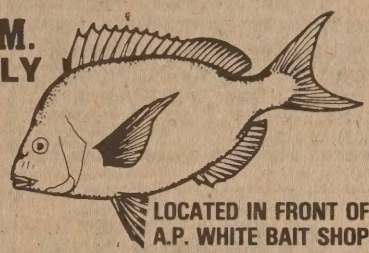

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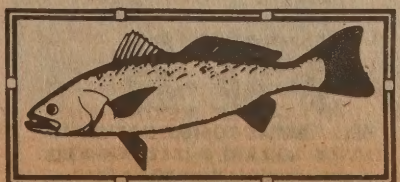

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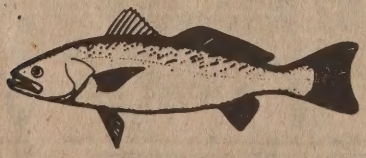

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with porgies. Friday Rich Gelielpner of Hampton Bays filled up 2 5-gallon buckets by 11 a.m. and then quit. On Saturday's trip 23 fares all filled their buckets to over flowing. On Sunday's trip, the skipper's wife had 2 buckets full. Tuesday and Wednesday's fluke trip had excellent results fishing at the Ruins. Wednesday's pool was a 7½ lb. fluke and Tuesday's pool was a 5 lb. fluke, both caught by women on these 2 ladies day trip.

Capt. Bob Pintaro of the charter boat **Sundance II** for Saturday's charter working 14 miles south of Montauk Point, had an 80 lb. mako and a 275 lb. tiger shark. Sunday's charter, fishing various spots at Montauk again, umbrellaed and

Mr. Easton landed this 30 lb. striper aboard the Sag Harbor charterboat, "Sundance."

diamond jigged a jumbo catch of blues from 5 to 8 lbs. and weaks from 7 to 10 lbs.

NOYAC

Helen at **Noyac Marina** tells us that on Friday Ara Shamshidian, daughter Laura and friend Eric Schultheis drifted south and west of buoy 16 with hi/lo rigs and squid bait and boated a good mixed bag of weaks, porgies, fluke and snappers. A few weakfish were caught Saturday, but porgies are the main stay now. Fluking has picked up off the Monastery in line with buoy 16.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

★ BEST BET ★
BLUES

ROCKY POINT

Stan at the **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** reported big blues and weaks in the AM at buoy 11. Once the sun gets up high, anglers head to the Middle Grounds where fish are taken on jigs and deep trolled umbrellas. Very good porgy action with fish in the 1/2 to 1 lb. class being taken on worms. Bob Rango stopped by with the first bonito of the season. Bob trolled a pair of the speedsters at buoy 9 on a red-tubed umbrella rig.

SELDEN

George at **Angler's Den** tells us that the best bet remains diamond jigging at buoys 9 and 11 for blues from 4 to 12 lbs. and weaks from 7 to 9 lbs. Nighttime best bet is drifting worms for weakfish and hoping that the blues don't get there first.

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Bob at **Fisherman's Haven** reports lots of blues for the catching from 2 to 7 lbs. at buoys 9 and 11 on diamond jigs. Fish are being trolled also. Plenty of snappers everywhere. Good porgy catches off Old Field Point, with most fish on the small side. Some weakfish after dark on drifted worms or jelly worms.

Ralph's Fishing Station reports plenty of blues and weaks jigged from Cedar Beach to Miller Place in 60' to 70' of water. Ralph reminds you to stay in the deep water only. These fish are also being trolled and they are running 4 to 5 lbs. Lots of porgies around the rocks from ½ to ¾ lb., with fish in quantity and hitting all day long. A few fluke between Mt. Sinai and Port Jeff on the flats. Ralph

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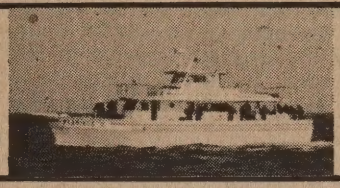

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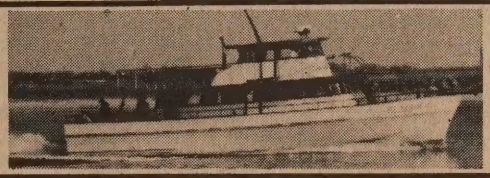

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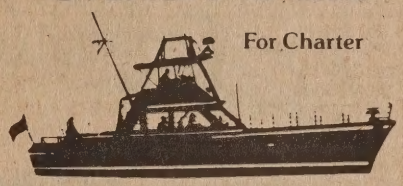

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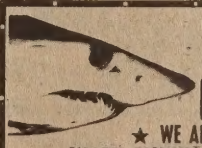

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SURF FISHERMEN INPUT

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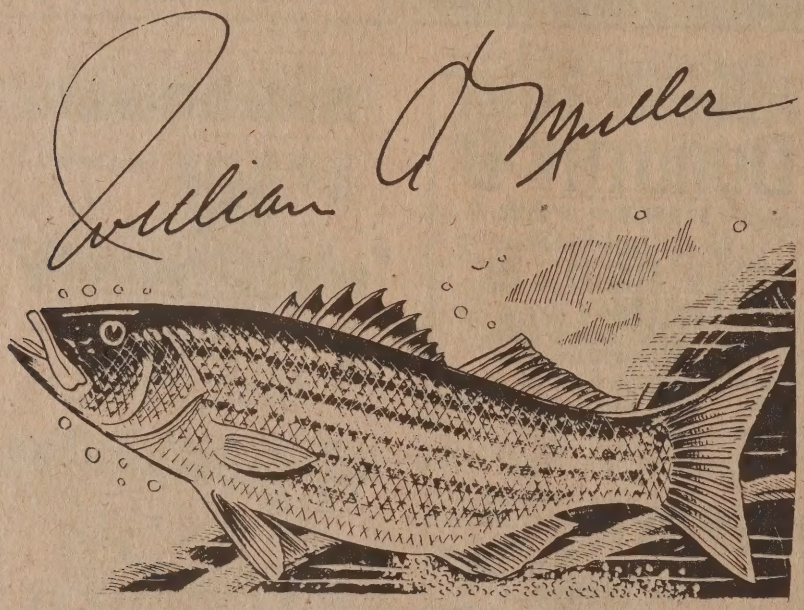
fishermen were simply informed of changes and new rules—we had little or no input. Today's climate is different and we are repeatedly asked for input. Let's not drop the ball. Let's provide as many fine ideas as I know all of you have. We have established ourselves as reasonable users of the parks at night, now let's show we are good partners to work with in the face of a problem that needs solution.

The State Parks represent the major source of surf fishing access. We have asked for better enforcement and we have received it. We have asked for additional access and we have received it. We have asked for roll-backs on rules changes and the L.I.S.P.R.C. has agreed. The commitment from the Commission has been plainly stated to protect that access. Surf fishermen have likewise demonstrated a commitment to cooperate. The beach clean-ups, the auxiliary beach patrols, and the common practice of reporting violations when observed is proof of the commitment of surf fishermen. There is no problem that we cannot solve if we work together.



emphasizes that there are lots of fish around.

PORT JEFFERSON

Tim at **Caraftis Fishing Station** reports blues and weaks are a good strong item with buoy 11 producing best on trolled umbrellas or single tubes on wire or lead core line. Fish are averaging 5 lbs. and they around in good strong numbers. Both tides are producing. Many fish are also being jigged off the bottom. Good porgy catches have been brought in by those working Old Field Point and Crane's Neck Point. This has been on worm and clam. A few fluke have been picked off Mt. Misery Point on sandeels and squid. Six inch class snappers have been caught in good numbers all week.

HUNTINGTON

George Valentine at **Four Winds Bait & Tackle** says that "Dynamite" is the only word to describe the bluefish and weakfish activity around the obstruction buoy on any moving water. Weaks have been best in the evening hours. Blues are running 4 to 10 lbs. and weaks 6 to 11 lbs. with most of the fish being caught on Tri-Fin teardrops with white, green or red tubes with a teaser about 2' up the line. Good weakfishing also off Lloyd's Point at buoys 2 and 15 on jelly worms fished on the bottom. Excelent porgies on the weekend from mediums to large at buoy 4, Marshall Field on worms. Loads of small porgies in the Bay off Sand City and also off the town dock along with snappers and tinker mackerel. George weighed in a 6 lb. bonito jigged up by Jeff Sandvik fishing near the loading platform. A 12 lb. weak was jigged up at Eaton's Neck for angler Pete Fershtman.

The **Ever Ready** reports bottom fishing trips have been excellent with

Kathryn Mott took this pair of weaks, including an 11 3/4 pounder, on bucktails at Eaton's Neck. Photo courtesy of "Four Winds Bait and Tackle."

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Saturday's high hook 39 porgies. Pool was a 4 lb. fluke. Sunday's pool was a 4 lb. weakfish. The bluefish runs have been pretty good all week, especially the 8 hour runs. Fish are running 4 to 10 lbs. with a few jumbo weakfish mixed in, all on diamond jigs. There has been an extensive schedule change for the boat which arrived to late to get into this week's issue. Please see phone numbers in the **Ever Ready** ad and call for species and sailing time info.

NORTHPORT

Tom at **Bowman's Sporting Goods** reported that the Obstruction Buoy off of Eaton's Neck has been alive with blues from 5-15 lbs. and some weakfish. Boatmen have been doing a real job on the fish using jig and tube combos or trolling umbrella rigs. Porgy fishing has been good inside the harbor near Sand City. Most of the fish, however, are small. Worm bait works best. A showing of weakfish to 10 lbs. for boatmen drifting jelly worms during the evening hours along Valley Road.

This mixed bag of 70 porgies and flounders was taken on the City Island party boat "Ebb Tide" by Bob Gibson and Jimmy Lane.

GLEN COVE

John at **Glen Cove Sports Shop** reported a catch of 43 porgies and blues of 8 and 10 lbs. for Hubert Van Helden. While the fish were taken locally, Hubert would not be any more specific about the whereabouts of his catch. John Cohler held the lead in the shop contest for fluke with a 9 lb. 2 oz. doormat for a total of about two hours on Friday, which was when his brother Brad came by the shop to check in a 10 lb. 13 oz. doormat. Brad is now the leader in the fluke category of the shop contest. Snappers all over the area, according to John and being taken on very small bucktails and little spoons.

The open boat **Lady Lil II** reported excellent action with blues in the 3-4 lb. class and some weaks from 4-12 lbs. over the weekend. Most fares averaged anywhere from 10-30 fish apiece using diamond jigs. Fishing was done from Smithtown to Northport.

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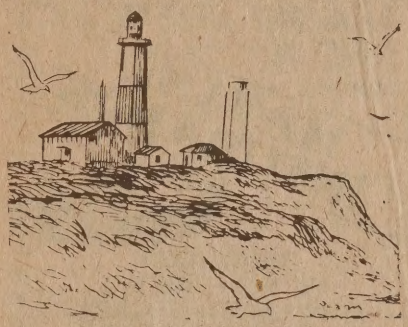
CITY ISLAND

Capt. Joe Ferrara of the **Ebb Tide II** tells us that his Sunday night Mattituck trips have been enjoying great catches of mixed blues and weaks which are being jigged just at dawn, catches running from 20 to 30 fish a man. The regular daily porgy and blackfish trips are producing catches of up to 30 fish for shark fishermen. This is on a weekend trip inspite of the heavy boat traffic. Weekdays catches are increased to the tune of 20 to 40 mostly porgies a man, in line with the lighter boat traffic.

Greg of **City Island Bait and Tackle** said that most of the action in the area revolves around the abundant snappers. There are still good numbers of school bass in the area for worm trollers and boatmen casting small bucktails and Rebels. Greg looked over a nice catch of flounder in the 3/4 to 1 lb. class made at Sands Point over the weekend. Porgies, for the most part, have been picky. Some blues being taken by trollers, jiggers and bait fishermen near the bridge and Stepping Stone light. No real run of fish, however.



Dominick Annunziata displays a husky blackfish he caught recently aboard the City Island open boat "Apache."

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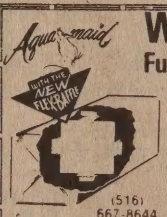

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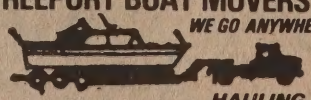

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SURF REPORT
with Fred Golofaro

After a good flurry of activity last week, the surf around much of the Island quieted down to just a sprinkling of fish here and there. Montauk's fine run of weakfish petered out, but a huge body of fish remained in the area as evidenced by some of the scores made by boatmen working well out of range of casters. Hopefully, a change on the weather front will put the weaks back on the beach.

The sandy groin-lined beaches from Long Beach to the Rockaways provided lots of lively action with small blues during the latter part of the week and over the weekend. Democrat Point, which had been providing pretty steady fishing, died as of last Thursday. The dearth of fish here continued through the weekend.

The north shore provided some hope that the mass schools of weaks and blues being worked over by boatmen in some areas may be starting to work their way in along the beach.

Let's take a look at how things shaped up after our usual round of calls:

South Shore

Lenny at **Santo's Sport Shop** in Staten Island reported little change in the local surf scene. The only action being with 1-3 lb. bluefish from the South Beach storm sewers to Great Kills Park. The 1-3 lb. choppers are being taken on chunk bait in the early morning hours and evenings. No word on bass or weaks.

Some big bluefish continue to occupy anglers working the North Channel bridge in the early morning hours. Bunker chunks have been producing a few weaks and some blues up to 10 or 12 lbs. Steven James worked the bridge structure with live bunker and took 5 blues, 4 of which were 12 lbers. and the fifth checking in at 17½ lbs. Artie of **Cross Bay Bait and Tackle** weighed the fish for Steve Saturday morning.

Charlie Beckman reported from his **Island Park Tackle Shop** of the lively bluefishing at Long Beach, Point Lookout and the Rockaways. Lots of 1-3 lb. choppers on tin, with an occasional weak mixed in. Schools of choppers move in and out and from Thursday to Sunday, it was not uncommon for large numbers of fish to be working right in the wash. No bass in the area to Charlie's knowledge.

While the action at Democrat slowed significantly this week, a couple of casters still managed to take a couple of weaks and blues from both the front and back sides of Fire Island. This, according to Lon Wanser of **Wanser's Tackle Shop** in Seaford. Lon also relayed word of some fish being taken on RedFins and tin at West End.

Tony Pagnano took this 11 lb. tiderunner weak from the beach at Hagerman's Landing on a Trifin spoon jig. Fish was weighed at the "Rocky Point Fishing Stop."

Out at Shinnecock, Thom Speckenbach reported weaks from 4-6 lbs. being taken on sand worms along the Southampton oceanfront. Blues in the 4-5 lb. range come and go along the same stretch of beach. When the blues are around, tins seem to take most of the fish.

Johnny Kronuch spoke of a pretty quiet week since the run of weaks along Gin Beach died. Inveterate surfcaster Jack Yee worked weakfish rock Saturday night and managed a couple of small bass along with a few weakfish. A few scattered blues and weaks on the south side, but no consistent fishing on the sand beaches. John heard that some weakfish were taken on tin at Hither Hills Friday morning at daybreak.

North Shore

Greg at **City Island Bait and Tackle** said there are still lots of small bass from shorts up to 4 lbs. being taken along the shore near the Throgs Neck Bridge and in Turtle Cove. Best action recently has been on small Rebels, but sand worms and small bucktails also account for fish. No bluefish or weakfish action to speak of, according to Greg.

The only word of any action in the surf from the Huntington area came via George Valentine of **Four Winds Bait and Tackle**. George told me that Caumsett has been producing small blues in the early morning hours on tin. Kastmasters have been very popular with those working this area.

Blues from 2-8 lbs. providing some decent action for casters in the early morning and evening hours, according to Tom of **Bowman's Sporting Goods** in Northport. Crab meadow beach, Makamah and Sand City have all been producing choppers for casters using floating Rebels and Tri-Fin eel worms.

Stan at the **Rocky Point Fishing Stop** reported small weaks and blues from 1-4 lbs. being taken in the early AM from the beach in the vicinity of Broadway. Occasional larger fish are mixed in. Tri-Fin Spoon jigs have been accounting for virtually all of the blues and weaks in the area and Stan has been hard-pressed to keep up with the demand. A big blue here and there on bunker chunks from along local beaches. From what Stan has gathered, there's been little action in the surf from Wading River east.

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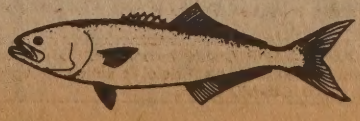

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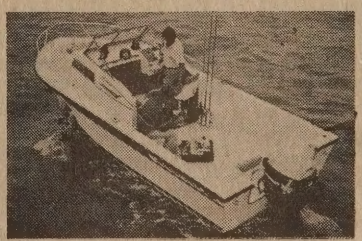
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